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BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, March 6, 1997

Chairman Daniel Babin presiding.

Jerald Hanchey
Tom Gattle
Norman McCall
Perry Gisclair
Joseph Cormier

Secretary James H. Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Commissioner Glynn Carver was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Babin called for a motion for approval of the **February 6, 1997 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Gisclair and seconded by Commissioner Gattle. The motion passed with no opposition.

A **Notice of Intent for the 1997-98 Resident Game Hunting Seasons** was presented by Mr. Tommy Prickett. The 1997-98 recommendations would be for resident game except for the wild turkey season. A series of slides was shown by Mr. Prickett. Input has been received from the Wildlife and Enforcement Divisions on the recommendations. The first change was an extension of the squirrel season for approximately two weeks. Also, language has been included to give the Secretary authority to amend the season dates if sound biological reasons exist. Then Mr. Prickett listed the season dates for quail, rabbit, squirrel and pheasant. One of the major changes for the deer season dates was adding one week of muzzleloader hunting to the end of the general gun hunting season. A change in Areas 1 and 6 was shifting the entire season structure one week later in order to encompass the rut. The change in Areas 3 and 7 was opening the season earlier to handle the earlier rut. A portion of Area 2, portions of Beauregard and Calcasieu Parishes, were now included in deer hunting Area 3. The 1997-98 season would allow for either sex hunting during the muzzleloader season in Area 5. Mr. Prickett then read the deer season dates for the 1997-98 season. The only change in the deer hunting map was changing a portion of Area 2 into Area 3. A map showing the either sex seasons was shown. Changes in the Wildlife Management Areas included standardizing all the small game seasons to coincide with the outside season dates except the small game season would be closed during modern firearm, either sex hunts. For the 1997-98 season, the either sex hunts on 12 WMAs would be for two days instead of one day. All of the muzzleloader hunts on the WMAs would be either sex hunting. The language on what a hunter could

do with his deer stand would be amended to allow them to leave their stands in the woods, but not attached to a tree. Hogs can be taken during all of the open deer seasons as long as the weapon used is legal and the hunter is properly licensed. All hunters will be required to wear hunter orange during the dog season. The season dates for Kisatchie National Forest and the other federal wildlife refuges have no basic changes from the 1996-97 season. Commissioner Gattle asked when should comments he has already received be discussed? Mr. Prickett stated public comments would be accepted at each of the Commission Meetings until July 1997. In the packets was a Notice of Intent and a Resolution that would adopt the Notice of Intent, stated Mr. Prickett. The Resolution was read by Mr. Prickett. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to adopt the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Cormier. Chairman Babin then opened the meeting for public comments.

Mr. Russell Lantier, Bayou State Bowhunters Association, stated one of his concerns was on the hunter orange issue and felt it would impact the bowhunters in the state. Mr. Prickett stated the change involved people pursuing dog hunting sports. Mr. Lantier then asked if it would include the bowhunters? Mr. Prickett read from last year's pamphlet and what the new language would be. Mr. Lantier then expressed concern over a four year issue of extending the archery season and the argument they received about the impact to small game hunters. He stated the Commissioners would probably hear from the bowhunters on this matter.

Mr. Gerald Simmons, Zachary and representing Mr. Ken Rabalais and Mr. John Odom, expressed their support for the extension of the squirrel season to February 8.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Babin called for the vote. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

March 6, 1997

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, March 6, 1997.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted as a Notice of Intent by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Daniel J. Babin, Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 1997-98 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23: .

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 1997-98

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Quail	Nov.27 - Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 4 - Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 4 - Feb. 8	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6

C. Deer Hunting Schedule

AREA	ARCHERY	MUZZLELOADER	STILL HUNT	WITH OR WITHOUT DOGS
1	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	Nov.15-Nov.21 Jan.26-Feb. 1	Nov.22-Dec. 5 Jan.10-Jan.25	Dec. 6-Dec.14 Dec.20-Jan. 9
2	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	Oct.18-Oct.24 Jan. 5-Jan.11	Oct.25-Dec. 5	Dec. 6-Jan. 4
3	Sept.20- Jan. 20	Oct. 4-Oct.10 Dec.13-Dec.19	Oct.11-Dec. 7 Dec.20-Jan. 4	
4	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	Nov.15-Nov.21 Jan. 5-Jan.11	Nov.22-Jan. 4	
5	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	Nov.15-Nov.21 Jan. 5-Jan.11	Nov.22-Nov.30	
6	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	Nov.15-Nov.21 Jan.26-Feb. 1	Nov.22-Dec. 5	Dec. 6-Dec.14 Dec.20-Jan.25
7	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	Oct. 4-Oct.10 Jan.19-Jan.25	Oct.11-Oct.26 Nov.22-Dec. 7	Dec.13-Jan.18

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

AREA	BASIC SEASON DATES	TOTAL DAYS	EXCEPTIONS (Those portions of the following parishes)
1	Nov.22-23, 28-30 Dec.6-7, 13-14	9	Nov.22-23, 28-30 (Franklin, Catahoula, LaSalle, Caldwell) Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7 (Avoyelles, Grant)
2	Oct.25-26, Nov.1-2, 8-9, 28-30, Dec.6-7	11	Oct.25-26, Nov.28-30 (Caldwell, LaSalle) Oct.25-26, Nov.28-30, Dec.6-7 (Avoyelles, Rapides, Grant)
3	Oct.11-12, 25-26, Nov.1-2, 8-9, 28-30	11	Oct.11-12, 25-26, Nov.28-30 (Rapides) Oct.11-12, Nov.28-30, Dec.6-7 (St. Landry)
4	Nov.22-23, 28-30	5	Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7, 13-14 (East Carroll)
5	None		
6	Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7, 13-14	9	Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7 (Avoyelles, Rapides, St. Landry)
7	Oct.11-12, Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.13-14	9	

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23: .

Public hearings will be held at regularly scheduled Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meetings from April through July. Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until May 23, 1997 to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

Daniel J. Babin
Chairman

Before going on to the next item, Chairman Babin recognized and welcomed former Commission member Mr. Houston Foret to the meeting.

A slide presentation on Teaming with Wildlife (TWW) Resolution - A Federal Funding Initiative was presented by Mr. Gary Lester.

Teaming with Wildlife is one of the most far reaching conservation initiatives in more than 50 years, began Mr. Lester. Wildlife is an essential part of several activities Americans are enjoying today, such as hiking, canoeing, birding, and nature photography. Many species of wildlife, such as song birds, reptiles and amphibians, and freshwater fish, are facing serious population problems. Conservation of these species is seriously underfunded due to the fact they are not hunted, fished or listed as endangered. Teaming with Wildlife can help solve this problem with conservationists, recreationist, educators and outdoor recreation businesses working together. The plan is to build on a funding initiative established over 50 years ago and to expand it to meet the needs of today. Teaming with Wildlife is being built on the successful models, Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Programs. Mr. Lester explained some of the accomplishments that have resulted from the Restoration Programs. Teaming with Wildlife, with the help of people enjoying wildlife-related outdoor recreational activities, should be the conservationist effort of today. A modest user fee assessed on purchases of outdoor-related products would raise approximately \$350 million per year to meet the conservation, recreation and educational needs. Funds would be appropriated to state fish and wildlife agencies using a formula based on population and land area. At this time, Mr. Lester explained several of the benefits from Teaming with Wildlife. Some of these include learning what wildlife needs for survival, allowing for scientific studies to find out which animals are in the most trouble, and enabling staff to provide land owners with assistance in managing their lands for wildlife. Also, Teaming with Wildlife would be used to produce educational materials and programs on wildlife and its habitat. In Louisiana, Teaming with Wildlife has the support of the Governor, the Department's Secretary, the Wildlife Society, the Wildlife Federation and other conservation organizations. Mr. Lester again emphasized funding is essential in order for wildlife to exist and requested the Commission's support. Commissioner Gisclair asked, what federal branch would this new program be going through? Mr. Lester stated it would be handled through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and distributed to the State's fish and game agencies. Commissioner Cormier asked if it would be through the Dingell-Johnson programs. Chairman Babin stated he understood Governor Foster was one of the first governor's to sign off on this new program. Mr. Lester stated there are approximately 30 governor's supporting this program. Mr. Lester read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner McCall made a motion to adopt the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

Teaming with Wildlife

A Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative

- WHEREAS,** Americans have a growing interest in observing and enjoying wildlife in its natural habitat; and
- WHEREAS,** more and more Americans are becoming interested in wildlife conservation, recreation and education; and
- WHEREAS,** we lack critical knowledge about the vast majority of wildlife species and the habitats they depend on for survival; and
- WHEREAS,** there are more than 1,800 species of wildlife in the United States that receive less than five percent of all funding available for wildlife conservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Acts, sometimes referred to as the Dingell-Johnson/Wallop-Breaux and Pittman-Robertson Acts, have provided billions of dollars for the conservation of game and sport fish species through a self-imposed surcharge on hunting and fishing equipment purchased by hunters and anglers; and
- WHEREAS,** these Acts have created a highly successful and extremely reliable source of funding for conservation and management of game and sport fish species that make up five percent of wildlife species (though indirectly benefitting non-game species); and
- WHEREAS,** an act could expand the list of equipment so that other wildlife enthusiasts could contribute to the conservation and management of the remaining 95 percent of wildlife species (though indirectly benefitting game species), commonly called nongame wildlife, that do not presently receive funding; and
- WHEREAS,** this modest surcharge on some outdoor products could raise \$350 million annually for state wildlife agencies earmarked for use in wildlife conservation, recreation and education projects throughout the nation; and
- WHEREAS,** this act would be titled with Teaming with Wildlife Initiative and would benefit all species of wildlife that are not hunted, fished, or trapped and would help keep common species common; and
- WHEREAS,** this money would be dedicated to conserving wildlife, provided increased wildlife associated outdoor recreation opportunities for Americans, and educating all citizens, but especially the nation's youth, about the importance of wildlife to our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the passage of the Teaming with Wildlife Initiative would not only provide Americans with an opportunity to contribute to wildlife conservation, recreation and education, but would also keep populations of nongame wildlife species from spiraling down to threatened or endangered status; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission supports the Teaming with Wildlife Funding Initiative and urges legislation to provide funding through the user-pay concept of a modest surcharge on outdoor products.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution, along with copies of the existing letters of support from Governor Foster and Secretary Jenkins be sent to the Louisiana Congressional delegation, urging them not only to support the initiative but to provide leadership by authoring the legislation.

Daniel J. Babin, Chairman Date
La. Wildlife & Fisheries Commission

A Resolution Requesting Legislative Support for Control of Hydrilla and Salvinia was presented by Mr. Bennie Fontenot. The resolution was based on a presentation given at the January Commission Meeting and the Commission's request to prepare a resolution. Also attached to the Resolution was a copy of an Executive Summary for the presentation. Commissioner Cormier made a motion to adopt the Resolution, having remembered the presentation made in January. Commissioner McCall seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

Request for Legislative Support to Address Problems Caused by Hydrilla and Salvinia in Public Waterbodies Throughout Louisiana.

Adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

March 6, 1997

WHEREAS, L.R.S. 56:328 prohibits the importation of certain aquatic plants into the jurisdiction of the State of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, hydrilla and salvinia, two invasive exotic aquatic plant species, are already present in many public waterbodies of the State, and

WHEREAS, the rapid and continuous spread of these noxious aquatic plant species has significantly restricted boating and fishing access, contributed to the decline of native aquatic plant diversity, reduced valuable fisheries, furbearer, and waterfowl habitat, negatively impacted drainage and flood control capabilities, and interfered with commercial navigation, and

WHEREAS, if left uncontrolled, the rapid and massive proliferation of these noxious exotic aquatic species will ultimately result in the widespread loss of waterbody accessibility to multiple and diverse user groups, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is charged with the responsibility for aquatic plant control in public waterbodies statewide, and

WHEREAS, the Department is not funded to implement extensive control activities effective against hydrilla, salvinia and other submerged aquatic plant species, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, with the concurrence of the administrative and technical staff of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, does hereby urge and request the Legislature of the State of Louisiana to provide the funding necessary to adequately address the problems, present and future, presented by the aforementioned invasive and noxious exotic plant species.

Daniel J. Babin, Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

Mr. Harry Blanchet presented a **Notice of Intent on Recreational Bag Limits for Reef Fish**. The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council developed some regulations for federal waters. These same regulations were implemented by the National Marine Fisheries Service. It was requested that the Department and Commission implement similar regulations in state waters to allow for more effective enforcement. The first change discussed would be a reduction in the recreational bag limit for greater amberjack. The other change would be a 20 fish aggregate bag for 25 species in the reef fish complex that do not presently have a recreational bag limit. Two fish, the pinfish and pigfish, were included in the federal regulations but would not be included in the State's regulations, stated Mr. Blanchet. These fish are caught in inshore

waters and are often used for bait. Chairman Babin asked if the limit for greater amberjack was now three? Mr. Blanchet replied yes. Then Chairman Babin asked if there was a combination that went along with the 20 aggregate fish limit? Mr. Blanchet stated he did a bag limit analysis and found that very few recreational fishermen have more than 20 of these fish in possession. Trying to understand the proposed rule, Chairman Babin asked if a fisherman could come into a landing with 20 vermillion snapper? Mr. Blanchet stated a fisherman could have no more than 20 in combination with the other 24 species. Then Chairman Babin asked what was the limit for snapper now? He was told the limit is five for red snapper and that this proposed rule would not impact red snapper. Chairman Babin stated most of the fish referenced in the proposed rule are not caught within territorial waters. Then he asked Mr. Blanchet if there was going to be a problem leaving pinfish and pigfish out? Mr. Blanchet stated the enforcement aspect could cause a problem. He further stated including these two fish could impact recreational fishermen in an area where you are not trying to impact them. Commissioner Gisclair then asked if a fisherman caught 100 of these bait fish, then went into federal waters, would he have to throw away 80 fish? Chairman Babin asked if that was a conservation measure, catching a fish and then having to throw it away? Mr. Blanchet stated most of the recreational fishermen would be fishing in Louisiana waters. Then Mr. Blanchet read the rationale that was provided in the Federal plan. Chairman Babin asked Mr. Jeff Angers if his organization, CCA Louisiana, had a chance to review the proposed rule? Commissioner Gisclair asked how many times has the Department not included a recommendation made from the Council and what was the Department's reason for not including pinfish and pigfish? Chairman Babin asked how long was the public comment period? Then he asked Mr. Angers for comment on the proposed rule from his organization. Chairman Babin asked, if the Commission accepted the Notice of Intent as it is, could the proposed rule be amended to include the two species after the public comment period? Commissioner Gisclair stated he had no problem with the proposed rule as long as pinfish and pigfish could be added at the end. Commissioner Gattle made a motion to accept the Notice of Intent. Commissioner Gisclair seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to amend a Rule (Title 76:VII.335.A) modifying recreational creel limits for reef fish, which is part of the

existing rule for daily take, possession, and size limits for reef fishes set by the Commission. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1 and 56:326.3.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§335. Daily Take, Possession and Size Limits Set by Commission, Reef Fish

A. The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the following rules and regulations regarding the harvest of triggerfishes, amberjacks, grunts, wrasses, snappers, groupers, sea basses, tilefishes, and porgies within and without Louisiana's territorial waters:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Recreational Bag Limits</u>
* * *	
4. Greater amberjack	1 fish per person per day
5. Gray triggerfish, queen triggerfish, lesser amberjack, almaco jack, banded rudderfish, tomtate, white grunt, hogfish, lane snapper, vermilion snapper, goldface tilefish, blackline tilefish, anchor tilefish, blueline tilefish, tilefish, bank sea bass, rock sea bass, black sea bass, dwarf sand perch, sand perch, grass porgy, jolthead porgy, knobbed porgy, littlehead porgy, red porgy	20 fish per person per day (in aggregate)

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1 and 326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 16:539 (June 1990), amended LR 19:1442 (November 1993), LR 20:797 (July 1994), LR 21:1267 (November 1995), LR 22:860 (September 1996), LR 23: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and

the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed rule to Mr. Harry Blanchet, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 prior to Friday, May 2, 1997.

Daniel J. Babin
Chairman

Shell Dredging Lease, Central Coast - Referral to Minerals Committee was handled by Ms. Karen Foote. The lease for fossil shell extraction from state-owned waters will expire October 31, 1997 and the Commission has the authority to lease these waterbottoms again if they choose. Ms. Foote stated the Department recommended referring this option to the Commission's Minerals Committee so it can be studied prior to the next meeting. Chairman Babin asked if the shell dredging issue was more of a Wildlife and Fisheries area or Natural Resources area? Secretary Jenkins stated he raised the same issue when he was on the Commission because he felt there may be conflicts with it. He then stated the Department has asked the legislature to give this issue to another agency for the past few years. However, Secretary Jenkins noted the Department does receive between \$1 million and \$2 million from this activity and it is included in the budget. The price of shell continues to go down and Secretary Jenkins was not sure if this operation would continue or not. Chairman Babin asked Ms. Foote if her recommendation was to pass it on to the Minerals Committee? Commissioner Hanchey asked, if this issue was referred to the Minerals Committee, could a meeting date be set now? Then he suggested holding the Committee meeting at 9 AM on April 3rd in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the Baton Rouge office.

Mr. Craig Lamendola handled the next item, **Presentation on Point of Sales**. Mr. Lamendola began explaining Point of Sale is the automatic issuance of hunting and fishing licenses. The licenses can be ordered from retail outlets, from your home or through your PC. Texas is one of seven states which has the system in place and another 20 are looking at it. A video was shown that explained Point of Sale. Mr. Lamendola went over several items given to the Commissioners, one of which was a Louisiana Fact Sheet, a listing of the advantages with this system, a comparison sheet on the system the Department has now versus what the proposed system could be, and a fact sheet for the seven states already on line. He then explained how licenses are sold now. Mr. Lamendola stated some Sheriff's are interested in the new program now, but the cost for the Department is still unknown. An efficient program is needed now because harvest information will be required for the HIP program in 1998 and it would cost more money to provide the

data with the present system than it would cost if the automated system was on line. Another benefit of the new system would be collecting Class 1 violation fines. Ms. Lynn Lang with the Texas Parks & Wildlife and Mr. Ken Nettles, a retired biologist, was introduced by Mr. Lamendola.

Ms. Lynn Lang stated Texas implemented their system on August 1, 1996. She then gave a demonstration on the issuance of a license. Two of the major advantages of the new system has been cash flow and revenue generation with the money being received from the license agents within 10 days. Another advantage is the access and accuracy of data for surveys and other conservation work. Texas has figured out the system basically pays for itself because of the savings, the type of contract they have and the ability to get their money in faster so it can earn interest. Chairman Babin asked if any agents had to pay for the equipment? Ms. Lang stated the equipment was provided at no cost and Texas came out even on the number of agents, having lost some agents and gained others. Texas has a turn key contract for a five year period that provides the equipment, the design, the training, the service and the support. Chairman Babin asked about the training. One of the features of the system is that it is an on-line system. As long as an agent has electricity, they can issue a license. Commissioner Gisclair asked if the lost agents were small businesses? Ms. Lang stated most of them were smaller and did a low volume of business. Commissioner Gattle asked if the system was hooked up with a telephone line to a main data base and where does the information go back to when a license was issued? Ms. Lang stated the contractor keeps the live data base but copies are provided to the State agency. Then Commissioner Gattle asked if a person called in on the telephone, would there be someone that answered with a machine to help the caller? Commissioner Cormier asked if the Department would have to request access to criminal data files from the legislature and would the Sheriff's Offices issue the equipment out to the local agents? Mr. Lamendola stated the Sheriff would have only his own equipment and would get only 15 percent from the licenses he sold.

Mr. Ken Nettles, representing the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, stated he was asked upon retirement to explain the program to the different states and get involved in the system. The new system could help speed things up and modernize what now is a 100 year old system. The Point of Sale project ranked third among 120 proposals for federal monies, stated Mr. Nettles. Mr. Nettles then explained how the Point of Sale program would be implemented. The first job would be to survey the state and find out what the needs are and how they can implement the program. Then a workshop will be conducted later in the year to have some states in the program relay their experiences and provide general information on the program. The first state to implement the program was Oregon in 1994, but with only one-third of their agents involved. However, Michigan implemented their program

statewide in March 1995. Three other states have authorized contracts with vendors and four additional states are seeking legislation allowing involvement in the program. Mr. Nettles stated the systems are expensive and complicated to start with but they are working and there should be no reason why it could not work for Louisiana. Commissioner Cormier asked if there has been any problem with people using fraudulent identifications? Ms. Lang stated, from an enforcement standpoint, if a person wants to buy an illegal license, there are ways of doing it. But you could find problems faster with readily available information in case enforcement action was needed. Commissioner Gisclair asked about Oregon's numbers from the comparison sheet and are all the agents switched over now? Mr. Nettles stated Oregon was still using both systems, they are not statewide with the new system. Commissioner Gisclair then asked about the cost for the new system. Ms. Lang reminded him this was not additional cost, it was cost for the system. Commissioner Gisclair asked if the dollar amounts quoted was all up front money? Mr. Nettles stated no, these are for a five year contract. Chairman Babin asked if the Department has been able to calculate a cost and from the figures presented, the State could save \$1.7 million. Ms. Lang let it be known Texas sells both their commercial and recreational licenses with this system.

Sheriff Jeff Wiley from Ascension Parish stated Mr. Lamendola posed the Point of Sale concept to him. He felt customer and consumer benefits should override territorial boundaries and bottom line dollars. Ascension Parish receives approximately \$24,000 on the 15 percent commission from license sales, stated Sheriff Wiley. One question he asked was, would the Sheriff's offices retain the 15 percent commission since they are agents. Other questions that would be asked were dealing with the line charge, the equipment, and would the system ever have any down time. Sheriff Wiley urged the Department to provide the information he has been given to all the Sheriffs so they would not be caught surprised. He encouraged further dialogue with Mr. Lamendola and the Department. Chairman Babin clarified that the Sheriff's Offices now receive a 15 percent commission whereas the agents that sell the licenses only get 50 cents per license sold. Mr. Lamendola felt there may be no change to the law regarding the revenues for the Sheriff offices and the agents. Chairman Babin stated this may create a problem. Commissioner Gattle asked if it would be appropriate for a model to be created? Chairman Babin asked Mr. Lamendola what was his timetable? Mr. Lamendola stated once there was a starting date, it would take approximately 18 months for the program to be implemented. Chairman Babin asked, where does the authority come from? Mr. Lamendola stated legislation would be introduced this session requiring the Commission promulgate rules for Secretary Jenkins to implement the program. Then Chairman Babin asked Mr. Lamendola to keep the Commission informed when anything new comes up. Secretary Jenkins stated this presentation was made to keep everyone informed and to provide the same information that the

Department has. Then he stated as soon as all of the facts and figures are in, there would be another presentation.

The Monthly Law Enforcement Report for February was given by Col. Winton Vidrine. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of February.

Region I - Minden - 63 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 54 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 74 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 68 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 68 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 96 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 107 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 201 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 161 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 20 citations.

SWEP - 54 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 65 citations.

Seafood Investigative Unit - 48 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of February was 1,071.

The aviation report for February 1997 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 96.3 hours for enforcement and 21.9 hours for other divisions and a total of 12 citations were issued.

There were no Division Reports for this month's meeting.

After several minutes of discussion, the Commissioners decided to hold the July 1997 Meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 1997 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Baton Rouge Headquarters Office.

Chairman Babin then asked if there were any Public Comments. Mr. Donovan Fur began commending the Commission on the improvements made on the proposed hunting seasons. He then spoke on his disappointment with the length of the season on Sherburne WMA, but felt it would be taken care of next year with the season being the

same as outside area. Mr. Fur stated, from what he has heard about the Department losing revenue, he would be in support of a senior citizen license that would be issued for a flat fee and would cover all licenses except the federal stamps. He also felt a young sportsman's license should be considered for a flat fee for those ages 12 through 16 in order to introduce and educate the young people.

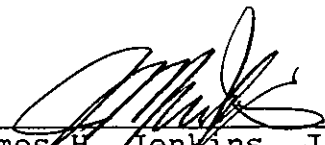
Commissioner McCall stated he would not be able to attend the July 8th Commission Meeting and asked if there were any options. Chairman Babin stated the meeting would stay as scheduled with the understanding that Commissioner McCall has a prior commitment.

Commissioner Gattle asked what was the procedure necessary to reconsider a previously passed motion from a prior meeting? He stated he was pursuing this because of the controversial issue with the strike net fishery where it was agreed to expand the fishery under a tightly regulated system. Mr. Mike Landrum stated the rules would have to be waved and then a two-thirds majority vote could place the item on the agenda. Commissioner Gattle then asked if a motion was in order to see if the item could be considered. Chairman Babin stated if Commissioner Gattle wanted to make such a motion, he could do so. Then there would need to be a second and a two-thirds majority vote by the Commission before it could be discussed at the meeting. Commissioner Cormier stated he would like to see this discussed again and hear public comments, since he was not present at last month's meeting. Then he made a motion to have the item placed on the agenda. Chairman Babin felt Commissioner Cormier was jumping ahead. Commissioner Gisclair stated he had no problem reconsidering the item, but because it was not on the agenda, all of the people involved were not at the meeting. He felt the only way they could be involved was to place it on the agenda for the next meeting. Commissioner Cormier asked Mr. Randy Lanctot if he knew about a committee that would make recommendations to the legislature to revisit Act 1316? Mr. Lanctot stated he did not know anything about a committee. Commissioner Gattle asked that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting so it can be rediscussed and that both parties can be present. Chairman Babin stated there was no need for action today to have an item placed on next month's agenda. He then stated if a vote on an issue is taken and then revisited the next month, the Commission was not doing what they were charged to do. Commissioner Gattle agreed with Chairman Babin, but after a vote on a controversial issue is made and then to be inundated with telephone calls, he felt it proper to bring it back up. Commissioner Cormier stated he was told by several senators that there was a committee formed by the restaurant association, recreational group and the commercial user group to voice their opinions on Act 1316 in the hopes of reaching a compromise. He was asked by these same senators, why did the Commission interfere? Chairman Babin stated Act 1316 mandated the Commission that a stock assessment would be done every year and acted upon at the February

Commission Meeting. He then stated the Commission could not wait for a committee to meet and reach a compromise. Secretary Jenkins concurred with Chairman Babin. Then he stated he thought there was an item in the By-Laws that would address routine reconsideration of items. Mr. Jeff Angers, representing CCA Louisiana, stated the committee formed was a coming together of two sides. The meeting was with members of CCA, the restaurant association, Chef Paul Prudhomme and representatives of the other user group and developed what he felt was a very constructive dialogue. Mr. Angers stated this dialogue was broken when some of the participants at the meeting came to the February Commission Meeting and made appeals to the Commission to look at a strike net fishery. He also stated it was disappointing the way the vote came out and that the Commission was on record as making a recommendation for the commercial fishermen to the legislature. Commissioner Cormier stated no matter what the results, he felt that everyone should have been heard. Chairman Babin stated if the agreement from the two sides was broken, it had nothing to do with the Commission and their actions. He also stated he voted on what he felt, what he read and what was mandated for him to do. Then Chairman Babin commented, if the Legislature did not want the Commission to make the recommendation of expanding the fishery, they should have not included it in the Act. Putting the item on the agenda for the next meeting was the proper way to do it, so both sides can have the opportunity to be here and present their comments, stated Chairman Babin. Commissioner Gattle asked if the legislature already received the recommendation? He then requested the item be placed on next month's agenda for discussion. Chairman Babin urged every Commissioner to attend the meeting. Secretary Jenkins read from the By-Laws that an item can be excluded from the agenda for a period not to exceed 12 months.

Mr. Hugh Bateman informed the Commission that flooding on the Mississippi River could possibly close the turkey seasons. The Secretary has the authority to close the season for flooding reasons. Between March 18 and March 21, the crest of the Mississippi River will be between Vicksburg, Mississippi and Baton Rouge and this is also the opening weekend of turkey season. Mr. Bateman stated he would keep the Commission informed and hopefully give as much public notice as possible.

There being no further business, Commissioner Cormier made a motion to Adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner McCall.



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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MISCELLANEOUS

Changes proposed at LWFC meeting

Hunters' pleas heard; squirrel season might be extended

By JOE MACALUSO
Advocate outdoors writer

Responding to the pleas of squirrel hunters, who claimed expanding deer-hunting seasons cut into their time in the woods, state biologists proposed extending the squirrel season into the first week in February for Louisiana's 1997-98 hunting calendar.

The proposal was among several changes from the 1996-97 resident-game dates and bag limits for deer, squirrel, rabbit, quail and pheasant during Thursday's Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting.

Deer hunters in Area 3, which takes in parishes in the southwest corner of the state, face the biggest changes. While the archery season will open in the state's other six deer-hunting areas, bow-and-arrow hunters will have a Sept. 20 opening with a Jan. 20, 1998 closing date. Archery hunters in the other six areas will have the customary Oct. 1-Jan. 31 season.

Another change moved a portion of Beauregard and Calcasieu parishes from Area 2 into Area 3. This land had been an island in Area 3

“The studies show that deer rut much earlier there than any other area of the state. That's why we're proposing changing the archery and gun-season dates.”

— DWF Wildlife Division assistant Tommy Prickett

for over 20 years.

All proposed seasons are subject to public review and will not be finalized until the LWFC meets July 8.

Tommy Prickett, Wildlife Division assistant in the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, said state deer study leader Dave Moreland had done extensive studies on the habits of Area 3 deer.

“The studies show that deer rut much earlier there than any other area of the state,” Prickett said. “That's why we're proposing changing the archery and gun-season dates.”

If approved in July, Area 3's gun season will have an Oct. 11 opening, the earliest gun-season for deer in state history. Area 3's muzzleloader-only season will run Oct. 4-10.

Other major changes involved

adding a week to the end of the gun-season for deer in all areas for muzzleloader hunters, and expanding or reducing either-sex hunting dates, called “doe days,” in all seven areas. Prickett said adding or subtracting days was an effort to “reduce the confusion of having 40 different (either-sex hunting) zones around the state. Now we have four major either-sex (hunting) zones.”

Wildlife Division administrator Hugh Bateman also advised the LWFC that flooding conditions along the Mississippi River could force closures of near-river areas. Turkey season in these areas is scheduled to open March 22.

Bateman said a decision to close, or delay, the opening of the season could be made as early as next week.

In other action, the LWFC also passed a Notice of Intent to bring

the state regulations in line with federal fishing limits on greater amberjack and 27 other species.

The commission will also vote on these new rules at its July meeting. The limit will drop the daily limit on greater amberjack from three to one, and put a daily aggregate limit of 20 on species, including lane and vermillion snapper, triggerfish and albacore jacks.

The commission also passed a resolution supporting increased funding for control of hydrilla and salvinia in state waters, and learned of the “Teaming with Wildlife Program that will tax most camping items. The taxes will be returned to the states for conservation programs.

Another presentation, focused on a Wildlife and Fisheries initiative for “point of sale” hunting and fishing license sales.

The seven-man LWFC, with Glynn Carver absent, also agreed to revisit, at its April 3 meeting, the vote taken at the February meeting to support expansion of strike-net fishing.

PROPOSED 1997-98 HUNTING SEASONS

Proposed Louisiana 1997-98 hunting seasons and bag limits for squirrel, rabbit, quail, pheasant and deer. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries-Wildlife Division and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will accept public comment for 120 days before ratifying these seasons July 8:

Squirrel (statewide): Oct. 4-Feb. 8.

Daily limit is 8. Possession limit is 16 after opening day.

Rabbit (statewide): Oct. 4-Feb. 28.

Daily limit is 8. Possession limit is 16 after opening day.

Quail (statewide): Nov. 27-Feb. 28.

Daily limit is 10. Possession limit is 20 after opening day.

Pheasant (limited to southwestern parishes): Nov. 27-Jan. 31. Daily limit is 2. Possession limit is 4.

Deer (state divided into seven areas for season dates): Statewide daily limit for gun seasons are 1 per day, except during either-sex hunting (doe) days when limit is 1 antlered and 1 antlerless deer.

Season limit is 6 antlered and antlerless deer in an aggregate. Archery and muzzleloader-only seasons are either-sex hunting statewide.

Area 1 - Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 15-21 & Jan. 26-Feb. 1. Guns: Nov. 22-Dec. 5 & Jan. 10-25 (still-hunting only); Dec. 6-14 & Dec. 20-Jan. 9 (with or without dogs).

Area 2 - Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

Muzzleloader: Oct. 18-24 & Jan. 5-11. Guns: Oct. 25-Dec. 5 (still-hunting only); Dec. 6-Jan. 4 (with or without dogs).

Area 3 - Archery: Sept. 20-Jan. 20.

Muzzleloader: Oct. 4-10 & Dec. 13-19. Guns: Oct. 11-Dec. 7 & Dec. 20-Jan. 4 (still-hunting only).

Area 4 - Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 15-21 & Jan. 5-11. Guns: Nov. 22-Jan. 4 (still-hunting only).

Area 5 - Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 15-21 & Jan. 5-11. Guns: Nov. 22-30 (still-hunting only).

Area 6 - Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 15-21 & Jan. 26-Feb. 1. Guns: Nov. 22-Dec. 5 (still-hunting only); Dec. 6-14 & Dec. 20-Jan. 25 (with or without dogs).

Area 7 - Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

Muzzleloader: Oct. 4-10 & Jan. 19-25. Guns: Oct. 11-26 & Nov. 22-Dec. 7 (still-hunting only); Dec. 13 & Jan. 18 (with or without dogs).



Advocate graphic

Indians sign Ogea to 3-year deal

By The Associated Press

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — The Cleveland Indians signed pitcher Chad Ogea to a \$3.35 million, three-

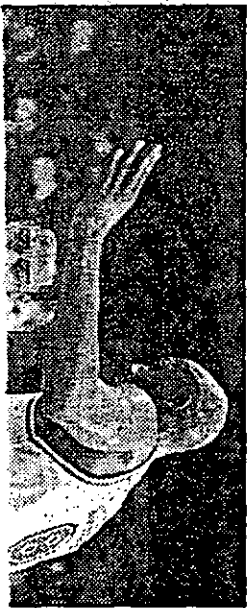
MAJOR LEAGUES

his two middle fingers after pitching in an exhibition game Monday. He allowed six runs in one inning while facing just seven batters against the Montreal Expos.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, March 6, 1997

Chairman Daniel Babin presiding.

Jerald Hanchey
Tom Gattle
Norman McCall
Perry Gisclair
Joseph Cormier

Secretary James H. Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Commissioner Glynn Carver was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Babin called for a motion for approval of the **February 6, 1997 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Gisclair and seconded by Commissioner Gattle. The motion passed with no opposition.

A **Notice of Intent for the 1997-98 Resident Game Hunting Seasons** was presented by Mr. Tommy Prickett. The 1997-98 recommendations would be for resident game except for the wild turkey season. A series of slides was shown by Mr. Prickett. Input has been received from the Wildlife and Enforcement Divisions on the recommendations. The first change was an extension of the squirrel season for approximately two weeks. Also, language has been included to give the Secretary authority to amend the season dates if sound biological reasons exist. Then Mr. Prickett listed the season dates for quail, rabbit, squirrel and pheasant. One of the major changes for the deer season dates was adding one week of muzzleloader hunting to the end of the general gun hunting season. A change in Areas 1 and 6 was shifting the entire season structure one week later in order to encompass the rut. The change in Areas 3 and 7 was opening the season earlier to handle the earlier rut. A portion of Area 2, portions of Beauregard and Calcasieu Parishes were now included in deer hunting Area 3. The 1997-98 season would allow for either sex hunting during the muzzleloader season in Area 5. Mr. Prickett then read the deer season dates for the 1997-98 season. The only change in the deer hunting map was changing a portion of Area 2 into Area 3. A map showing the either sex seasons was shown. Changes in the Wildlife Management Areas included standardizing all the small game seasons to coincide with the outside season dates except the season would be closed during modern firearm, either sex hunts. For the 1997-98 season, the either sex hunts on 12 WMAs would be for two days instead of one day. All of the muzzleloader hunts on the WMAs would be either sex hunting. The language on what a hunter could do with his deer

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game -

stand would be amended to allow them to leave their stands in the woods, but not attached to a tree. Hogs can be taken during all of the open deer seasons as long as the weapon used is legal and the hunter is properly licensed. All hunters will be required to wear hunter orange during the dog season. The season dates for Kisatchie National Forest and the other federal wildlife refuges have no basic changes from the 1996-97 season. Commissioner Gattle asked when should comments he has already received be discussed? Mr. Prickett stated public comments would be accepted at each of the Commission Meetings until July 1997. In the packets was a Notice of Intent and a Resolution that would adopt the Notice of Intent, stated Mr. Prickett. The Resolution was read by Mr. Prickett. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to adopt the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Cormier. Chairman Babin then opened the meeting for public comments.

Mr. Russell Lantier, Bayou State Bowhunters Association, stated one of his concerns was on the hunter orange issue and felt it would impact the bowhunters in the state. Mr. Prickett stated the change involved people pursuing dog hunting sports. Mr. Lantier then asked if it would include the bowhunters? Mr. Prickett read from last year's pamphlet and what the new language would be. Mr. Lantier then expressed concern over a four year issue of extending the archery season and the argument they received about the impact to small game hunters. He stated the Commissioners would probably hear from the bowhunters on this matter.

Mr. Gerald Simmons, Zachary and representing Mr. Ken Rabalais and Mr. John Odom, expressed their support for the extension of the squirrel season to February 8.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Babin called for the vote. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

March 6, 1997

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, March 6, 1997.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted as a Notice of Intent by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Daniel J. Babin, Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 1997-98 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.
HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23: .

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 1997-98

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Quail	Nov.27 - Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 4 - Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 4 - Feb. 8	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6

C. Deer Hunting Schedule

AREA	ARCHERY	MUZZLELOADER	STILL HUNT	WITH OR WITHOUT DOGS
1	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	Nov.15-Nov.21 Jan.26-Feb. 1	Nov.22-Dec. 5 Jan.10-Jan.25	Dec. 6-Dec.14 Dec.20-Jan. 9
2	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	Oct.18-Oct.24 Jan. 5-Jan.11	Oct.25-Dec. 5	Dec. 6-Jan. 4
3	Sept.20-Jan. 20	Oct. 4-Oct.10 Dec.13-Dec.19	Oct.11-Dec. 7 Dec.20-Jan. 4	
4	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	Nov.15-Nov.21 Jan. 5-Jan.11	Nov.22-Jan. 4	
5	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	Nov.15-Nov.21 Jan. 5-Jan.11	Nov.22-Nov.30	
6	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	Nov.15-Nov.21 Jan.26-Feb. 1	Nov.22-Dec. 5	Dec. 6-Dec.14 Dec.20-Jan.25
7	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	Oct. 4-Oct.10 Jan.19-Jan.25	Oct.11-Oct.26 Nov.22-Dec. 7	Dec.13-Jan.18

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

AREA	BASIC SEASON DATES	TOTAL DAYS	EXCEPTIONS (Those portions of the following parishes)
1	Nov.22-23, 28-30 Dec.6-7, 13-14	9	Nov.22-23, 28-30 (Franklin, Catahoula, LaSalle, Caldwell) Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7 (Avoyelles, Grant)
2	Oct.25-26, Nov.1-2, 8-9, 28-30, Dec.6-7	11	Oct.25-26, Nov.28-30 (Caldwell, LaSalle) Oct.25-26, Nov.28-30, Dec.6-7 (Avoyelles, Rapides, Grant)
3	Oct.11-12, 25-26, Nov.1-2, 8-9, 28-30	11	Oct.11-12, 25-26, Nov.28-30 (Rapides) Oct.11-12, Nov.28-30, Dec.6-7 (St. Landry)
4	Nov.22-23, 28-30	5	Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7, 13-14 (East Carroll)
5	None		
6	Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7, 13-14	9	Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7 (Avoyelles, Rapides, St. Landry)
7	Oct.11-12, Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.13-14	9	

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23: .

Public hearings will be held at regularly scheduled Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meetings from April through July. Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until May 23, 1997 to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

Daniel J. Babin
Chairman

Before going on to the next item, Chairman Babin recognized and welcomed former Commission member, Mr. Houston Foret to the meeting.

A slide presentation on Teaming with Wildlife (TWW) Resolution - A Federal Funding Initiative was presented by Mr. Gary Lester.

Teaming with Wildlife is one of the most far reaching conservation initiatives in more than 50 years, began Mr. Lester. Wildlife is an essential part of several activities Americans are enjoying today, such as hiking, canoeing, birding, and nature photography. Many species of wildlife, such as song birds, reptiles and amphibians, and freshwater fish, are facing serious population problems. Conservation of these species is seriously underfunded due to the fact they are not hunted, fished or listed as endangered. Teaming with Wildlife can help solve this problem with conservationists, recreationist, educators and outdoor recreation businesses working together. The plan is to build on a funding initiative established over 50 years ago and to expand it to meet the needs of today. Teaming with Wildlife is being built on the

5 - successful model, Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Programs.

Mr. Lester explained some of the accomplishments that have resulted from the Restoration Programs. Teaming with Wildlife, with the help of people enjoying wildlife-related outdoor recreational activities, should be the conservationist of today. A modest user

fee assessed on purchases of outdoor-related products would raise approximately \$350 million per year to meet the conservation, recreation and educational needs. Funds would be appropriated to

6 - state's fish and wildlife agencies using a formula based on population and land area. At this time, Mr. Lester explained

several of the benefits from Teaming with Wildlife. Some of these include learning what wildlife needs for survival, allowing for scientific studies to find out which animals are in the most trouble, and enabling staff to provide land owners with assistance in managing their lands for wildlife. Also, Teaming with Wildlife would be used to produce educational materials and programs on wildlife and its habitat. Teaming with Wildlife has the support of

all 50 states; and in Louisiana, it has been supported by the Governor, the Department's Secretary, the Wildlife Society, the Wildlife Federation and other conservation organizations. Mr.

7 - Lester again emphasized funding is essential in order for wildlife to exist and requested the Commission's support. Commissioner

Gisclair asked what federal branch would this new program be going through? Mr. Lester stated it would be handled through the U.S.

8 - Fish and Wildlife Service and distributed to the State's fish and game agencies. Commissioner Cormier asked if it would be through

the Dingell-Johnson programs? Chairman Babin stated he understood Governor Foster was one of the first governor's to sign off on this

new program. Mr. Lester stated there are approximately 30

governor's supporting this program. Mr. Lester read the Therefore

Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner McCall made a motion to adopt the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

Teaming with Wildlife

A Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative

- WHEREAS,** Americans have a growing interest in observing and enjoying wildlife in its natural habitat; and
- WHEREAS,** more and more Americans are becoming interested in wildlife conservation, recreation and education; and
- WHEREAS,** we lack critical knowledge about the vast majority of wildlife species and the habitats they depend on for survival, and
- WHEREAS,** there are more than 1,800 species of wildlife in the United States that receive less than five percent of all funding available for wildlife conservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Acts, sometimes referred to as the Dingell-Johnson/Wallop-Breaux and Pittman-Robertson Acts, have provided billions of dollars for the conservation of game and sport fish species through a self-imposed surcharge on hunting and fishing equipment purchased by hunters and anglers; and
- WHEREAS,** these Acts have created a highly successful and extremely reliable source of funding for conservation and management of game and sport fish species that make up five percent of wildlife species (though indirectly benefitting non-game species); and
- WHEREAS,** an act could expand the list of equipment so that other wildlife enthusiasts could contribute to the conservation and management of the remaining 95 percent of wildlife species (though indirectly benefitting game species), commonly called nongame wildlife, that do not presently receive funding; and
- WHEREAS,** this modest surcharge on some outdoor products could raise \$350 million annually for state wildlife agencies earmarked for use in wildlife conservation, recreation and education projects throughout the nation; and
- WHEREAS,** this act would be titled with Teaming with Wildlife Initiative and would benefit all species of wildlife that are not hunted, fished, or trapped and would help keep common species common; and
- WHEREAS,** this money would be dedicated to conserving wildlife, provided increased wildlife associated outdoor recreation opportunities for Americans, and educating all citizens, but especially the nation's youth, about the importance of wildlife to our quality of life; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission supports the Teaming with Wildlife Funding Initiative and urges legislation to provide funding through the user-pay concept of a modest surcharge on outdoor products.

Daniel J. Babin, Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries Commission

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

Request for Legislative Support to Address Problems Caused by Hydrilla and Salvinia in Public Waterbodies Throughout Louisiana.

March 6, 1997

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WHEREAS, hydrilla and salvinia, two invasive exotic aquatic plant species, are already present in many public waterbodies of the State, and

WHEREAS, the rapid and continuous spread of these noxious aquatic plant species has significantly restricted boating and fishing access, contributed to the decline of native aquatic plant diversity, reduced valuable fisheries, furbearer, and waterfowl habitat, negatively impacted drainage and flood control capabilities, and interfered with commercial navigation, and

WHEREAS, if left uncontrolled, the rapid and massive proliferation of these noxious exotic aquatic species will ultimately result in the widespread loss of waterbody accessibility to multiple and diverse user groups, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is charged with the responsibility for aquatic plant control in public waterbodies statewide, and

WHEREAS, the Department is not funded to implement extensive control activities effective against hydrilla, salvinia and other submerged aquatic plant species, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, with the concurrence of the administrative and technical staff of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, does hereby urge and request the Legislature of the State of Louisiana to provide the funding necessary to adequately address the problems, present and future, presented by the aforementioned invasive and noxious exotic plant species.

Daniel J. Babin, Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

Mr. Harry Blanchet presented a **Notice of Intent on Recreational Bag Limits for Reef Fish**. The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council developed some regulations for federal waters. These same regulations were implemented by the National Marine Fisheries Service. It was requested that the Department and Commission implement similar regulations in state waters to allow for more effective enforcement. The first change discussed would be a reduction in the recreational bag limit for greater amberjack. The other change would be a 20 fish aggregate bag for 25 species in the reef fish complex that does not presently have a recreational bag limit. Two fish, the pinfish and pigfish, were included in the federal regulations but would not be included in the State's regulations, stated Mr. Blanchet. These fish are caught in inshore

waters and are often used for bait. Chairman Babin asked if the limit for greater amberjack was now three? Mr. Blanchet replied yes. Then Chairman Babin asked if there was a combination that went along with the 20 aggregate fish limit? Mr. Blanchet stated he did a bag limit analysis and found that very few recreational fishermen have more than 20 of these fish in possession. Trying to understand the proposed rule, Chairman Babin asked if a fisherman could come into a landing with 20 vermillion snapper? Mr. Blanchet stated a fisherman could have no more than 20 in combination with the other 24 species. Then Chairman Babin asked what was the limit for snapper now? He was told the limit is five for red snapper and that this proposed rule would not impact red snapper. Chairman Babin stated most of the fish referenced in the proposed rule are not caught within territorial waters. Then he asked Mr. Blanchet if there was going to be a problem leaving pinfish and pigfish out? Mr. Blanchet stated the enforcement aspect could cause a problem. He further stated including these two fish could impact recreational fishermen in an area where you are not trying to impact them. Commissioner Gisclair then asked if a fisherman caught 100 of these bait fish, then went into federal waters, would he have to throw away 80 fish? Chairman Babin asked if that was a conservation measure, catching a fish and then having to throw it away? Mr. Blanchet stated most of the recreational fishermen would be fishing in Louisiana waters. Then Mr. Blanchet read the rationale that was provided in the Federal plan. Chairman Babin asked Mr. Jeff Angers if his organization, CCA Louisiana, had a chance to review the proposed rule? Commissioner Gisclair asked how many times has the Department not included a recommendation made from the Council and what was the Department's reason for not including pinfish and pigfish? Chairman Babin asked how long was the public comment period? Then he asked Mr. Angers for comment on the proposed rule from his organization. Chairman Babin asked if the Commission accepted the Notice of Intent as it is, could the proposed rule be amended to include the two species after the public comment period? Commissioner Gisclair stated he had no problem with the proposed rule as long as pinfish and pigfish could be added at the end. Commissioner Gattle made a motion to accept the Notice of Intent. Commissioner Gisclair seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to amend a Rule (Title 76:VII.335.A) modifying recreational creel limits for reef fish, which is part of the

existing rule for daily take, possession, and size limits for reef fishes set by the Commission. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1 and 56:326.3.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§335. Daily Take, Possession and Size Limits Set by Commission, Reef Fish

A. The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the following rules and regulations regarding the harvest of triggerfishes, amberjacks, grunts, wrasses, snappers, groupers, sea basses, tilefishes, and porgies within and without Louisiana's territorial waters:

Species

Recreational Bag Limits

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| 4. Greater amberjack | 1 fish per person per day |
| 5. Gray triggerfish, queen triggerfish, lesser amberjack, almaco jack, banded rudderfish, tomtate, white grunt, hogfish, lane snapper, vermillion snapper, goldface tilefish, blackline tilefish, anchor tilefish, blue line tilefish, tilefish, bank sea bass, rock sea bass, black sea bass, dwarf sand perch, sand perch, grass porgy, jolthead porgy, knobbed porgy, littlehead porgy, red porgy | 20 fish per person per day (in aggregate) |

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1 and 326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 16:539 (June 1990), amended LR 19:1442 (November 1993), LR 20:797 (July 1994), LR 21:1267 (November 1995), LR 22:860 (September 1996), LR 23: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and

the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed rule to Mr. Harry Blanchet, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 prior to Friday, May 2, 1997.

Daniel J. Babin
Chairman

Shell Dredging Lease, Central Coast - Referral to Minerals Committee was handled by Ms. Karen Foote. The lease for fossil shell extraction from state-owned waters will expire October 31, 1997 and the Commission has the authority to lease these waterbottoms again if they choose. Ms. Foote stated the Department recommended referring this option to the Commission's Minerals Committee so it can be studied prior to the next meeting. Chairman Babin asked if the shell dredging issue was more of a Wildlife and Fisheries area or Natural Resources area? Secretary Jenkins stated he raised the same issue when he was on the Commission because he felt there may be conflicts with it. He then stated the Department has asked the legislature to give this issue to another agency for the past few years. However, Secretary Jenkins noted the Department does receive between \$1 million and \$2 million from this activity and it is included in the budget. The price of shell continues to go down and Secretary Jenkins was not sure if this operation would continue or not. Chairman Babin asked Ms. Foote if her recommendation was to pass it on to the Minerals Committee? Commissioner Hanchey asked, if this issue was referred to the Minerals Committee, could a meeting date be set now? Then he suggested holding the Committee meeting at 9 AM on April 3rd in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the Baton Rouge office.

FROM
Retail
outlets,

Mr. Craig Lamendola handled the next item, **Presentation on Point of Sales**. Mr. Lamendola began explaining Point of Sale is the automatic issuance of hunting and fishing licenses. The licenses can be ordered from your home or through your PC. Texas is one of seven states which has the system in place and another 20 are looking at it. A video was shown that explained Point of Sale. Mr. Lamendola went over several items given to the Commissioners, one of which was a Louisiana Fact Sheet, a listing of the advantages with this system, a comparison sheet on the system the Department has now versus what the proposed system could be, and a fact sheet for the seven states already on line. He then explained how licenses are sold now. Mr. Lamendola stated some Sheriff's are interested in the new program now, but the cost for the Department is still unknown. An efficient program is needed now because harvest information will be required for the HIP program in 1998 and it would cost more money to provide the data with the present

system than it would cost if the automated system was on line. Another benefit of the new system would be collecting Class 1 violation fines. Ms. Lynn Lang with the Texas Parks & Wildlife and Mr. Ken Nettles, a retired biologist, was introduced by Mr. Lamendola.

Ms. Lynn Lang stated Texas implemented their system on August 1, 1996. She then gave a demonstration on the issuance of a license. Two of the major advantages of the new system has been cash flow and revenue generation with the money being received from the license agents within 10 days. Another advantage is the access and accuracy of data for surveys and other conservation work. Texas has figured out the system basically pays for itself because of the savings, the type of contract they have and the ability to get their money in faster so it can earn interest. Chairman Babin asked if any agents had to pay for the equipment? Ms. Lang stated the equipment was provided at no cost and Texas came out even on the number of agents, having lost some agents and gained others. Texas has a turn key contract for a five year period that provides the equipment, the design, the training, the service and the support. Chairman Babin asked about the training? One of the features of the system is that it is an on-line system, as long as an agent has electricity, they can issue a license. Commissioner Gisclair asked if the lost agents were small businesses? Ms. Lang stated most of them were smaller and did a low volume of business. Commissioner Gattle asked if the system was hooked up with a telephone line to a main data base and where does the information go back to when a license was issued? Ms. Lang stated the contractor keeps the live data base but copies are provided to the State agency. Then Commissioner Gattle asked if a person called in on the telephone, would there be someone that answered with a machine to help the caller? Commissioner Cormier asked if the Department would have to request access to criminal data files from the legislature and would the Sheriff's Offices issue the equipment out to the local agents? Mr. Lamendola stated the Sheriff would have his own equipment and would get only 15 percent from the licenses he sold.

Mr. Ken Nettles, representing the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, stated he was asked upon retirement to explain the program to the different states and get involved in the system. The new system could help speed things up and modernize what now is a 100 year old system. The Point of Sale project ranked third among 120 proposals for federal monies, stated Mr. Nettles. Mr. Nettles then explained how the Point of Sale program would be implemented. The first job would be to survey the state and find out what their needs are and how they can implement the program. Then a workshop will be conducted later in the year to have some states in the program relay their experiences and provide general information on the program. The first state to implement the program was Oregon in 1994 but with only one-third of their agents involved. However, Michigan implemented their program

statewide in March 1995. Three other states have authorized contracts with vendors and four additional states are seeking legislation allowing involvement in the program. Mr. Nettles stated the systems are expensive and complicated to start with but they are working and there should be no reason why it could not work for Louisiana. Commissioner Cormier asked if there has been any problem with people using fraudulent identifications? Ms. Lang stated, from an enforcement standpoint, if a person wants to buy an illegal license, there are ways of doing it. But you could find problems faster with readily available information in case enforcement action was needed. Commissioner Gisclair asked about Oregon's numbers from the comparison sheet and are all the agents switched over now? Mr. Nettles stated Oregon was still using both systems, they are not statewide with the new system. Commissioner Gisclair then asked about the cost for the new system. Ms. Lang reminded him this was not additional cost, it was cost for the system. Commissioner Gisclair asked if the dollar amounts quoted was all up front money? Mr. Nettles stated no, these are for a five year contract. Chairman Babin asked if the Department has been able to calculate a cost and from the figures presented, the State could save \$1.7 million. Ms. Lang let it be known Texas sells both their commercial and recreational licenses with this system.

Sheriff Jeff Wiley from Ascension Parish stated Mr. Lamendola posed the Point of Sale concept to him. He felt customer and consumer benefits should override territorial boundaries and bottom line dollars. Ascension Parish receives approximately \$24,000 on the 15 percent commission from license sales, stated Sheriff Wiley. One question he asked was, would the Sheriff's offices retain the 15 percent commission since they are agents. Other questions that would be asked were dealing with the line charge, the equipment, and would the system ever have any down time? Sheriff Wiley urged the Department to provide the information he has been given to all the Sheriffs so they would not be caught surprised. He encouraged further dialogue with Mr. Lamendola and the Department. Chairman Babin clarified that the Sheriff's Offices now receive a 15 percent commission whereas the agents that sell the licenses only get 50 cents per license sold. Mr. Lamendola felt there may be no change to the law as far as the revenues for the Sheriff offices and the agents. Chairman Babin stated this may create a problem. Commissioner Gattle asked if it would be appropriate for a model to be created? Chairman Babin asked Mr. Lamendola what was his timetable? Mr. Lamendola stated once there was a starting date, it would take approximately 18 months for the program to be implemented. Chairman Babin asked where does the authority come from? Mr. Lamendola stated legislation would be introduced this session requiring the Commission promulgate rules for Secretary Jenkins to implement the program. Then Chairman Babin asked Mr. Lamendola to keep the Commission informed when anything new comes up. Secretary Jenkins stated this presentation was made to keep everyone informed and to provide the same information that the

Department has. Then he stated as soon as all of the facts and figures are in, there would be another presentation.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for February** was given by Col. Winton Vidrine. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of February.

Region I - Minden - 63 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 54 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 74 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 68 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 68 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 96 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 107 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 201 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 161 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 20 citations.

SWEP - 54 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 65 citations.

Seafood Investigative Unit - 48 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of February was 1,071.

The aviation report for February 1997 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 96.3 hours for enforcement and 21.9 hours for other divisions and a total of 12 citations were issued.

There were no **Division Reports** for this month's meeting.

After several minutes of discussion, the Commissioners decided to hold the **July 1997 Meeting** on Tuesday, July 8, 1997 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Baton Rouge Headquarters Office.

Chairman Babin then asked if there were any **Public Comments**. Mr. Donovan Fur began commending the Commission on the improvements made on the proposed hunting seasons. He then spoke on his disappointment with the length of the season on Sherburne WMA, but felt it would be taken care of next year with the season being the

same as outside area. Mr. Fur stated, from what he has heard about the Department losing revenue, he would be in support of a senior citizen license that would be issued for a flat fee and would cover all licenses except the federal stamps. He also felt a young sportsman's license should be considered for a flat fee for those ages 12 through 16 in order to introduce and educate the young people.

Commissioner McCall stated he would not be able to attend the July 8th Commission Meeting and asked if there were any options. Chairman Babin stated the meeting would stay as scheduled with the understanding that Commissioner McCall has a prior commitment.

Commissioner Gattle asked what was the procedure necessary to reconsider a previously passed motion from a prior meeting? He stated he was pursuing this because of the controversial issue with the strike net fishery where it was agreed to expand the fishery under a tightly regulated system. Mr. Mike Landrum stated the rules would have to be waved and then a two-thirds majority vote could place the item on the agenda. Commissioner Gattle then asked if a motion was in order to see if the item could be considered. Chairman Babin stated if Commissioner Gattle wanted to make such a motion, he could do so. Then there would need to be a second and a two-thirds majority vote by the Commission before it could be discussed at the meeting. Commissioner Cormier stated he would like to see this discussed again and hear public comments, since he was not present at last month's meeting. Then he made a motion to have the item placed on the agenda. Chairman Babin felt Commissioner Cormier was jumping ahead. Commissioner Gisclair stated he had no problem reconsidering the item, but because it was not on the agenda, all of the people involved were not at the meeting. He felt the only way they could be involved was to place it on the agenda for the next meeting. Commissioner Cormier asked Mr. Randy Lanctot if he knew about a committee that would make recommendations to the legislature to revisit Act 1316? Mr. Lanctot stated he did not know anything about a committee. Commissioner Gattle asked that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting so it can be rediscussed and that both parties can be present. Chairman Babin stated there was no need for action today to have an item placed on next month's agenda. He then stated if a vote on an issue is taken and then revisited the next month, the Commission was not doing what they were charged to do. Commissioner Gattle agreed with Chairman Babin, but after a vote on a controversial issue is made and then to be inundated with telephone calls, he felt it proper to bring it back up. Commissioner Cormier stated he was told by several senators that there was a committee formed by the restaurant association, recreational group and the commercial user group to voice their opinion ^{ON} to Act 1316 in the hopes of reaching a compromise. He was asked by these same senators why did the Commission interfere? Chairman Babin stated Act 1316 mandated the Commission that a stock assessment would be done every year and acted upon at the February

Commission Meeting. He then stated the Commission could not wait for a committee to meet and reach a compromise. Secretary Jenkins concurred with Chairman Babin. Then he stated he thought there was an item in the By-Laws that would address routine reconsideration of items. Mr. Jeff Angers, representing CCA Louisiana, stated the committee formed was a coming together of two sides. The meeting was with members of CCA, the restaurant association, Chef Paul Prudhomme and representatives of the other user group and developed what he felt was a very constructive dialogue. Mr. Angers stated this dialogue was broken when some of the participants at the meeting came to the February Commission Meeting and made appeals to the Commission to look at a strike net fishery. He also stated it was disappointing the way the vote came out and that the Commission was on record as making a recommendation for the commercial fishermen to the legislature. Commissioner Cormier stated no matter what the results, he felt that everyone should have been heard. Chairman Babin stated if the agreement from the two sides was broken, it had nothing to do with the Commission and their actions. He also stated he voted on what he felt, what he read and what was mandated for him to do. Then Chairman Babin commented, if the Legislature did not want the Commission to make the recommendation of expanding the fishery, they should have not included it in the Act. Putting the item on the agenda for the next meeting was the proper way to do it, so both sides can have the opportunity to be here and present their comments, stated Chairman Babin. Commissioner Gattle asked if the legislature already received the recommendation? He then requested the item be placed on next month's agenda for discussion. Chairman Babin urged every Commissioner to attend the meeting. Secretary Jenkins read from the By-Laws that an item can be excluded from the agenda for a period not to exceed 12 months.

Mr. Hugh Bateman informed the Commission that flooding on the Mississippi River could possibly close the turkey seasons. The Secretary has the authority to close the season for flooding reasons. Between March 18 and March 21, the crest of the Mississippi River will be between Vicksburg, Mississippi and Baton Rouge and this is also the opening weekend of turkey season. Mr. Bateman stated he would keep the Commission informed and hopefully give as much public notice as possible.

There being no further business, Commissioner Cormier made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner McCall.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Thursday, March 6, 1997
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Danny Babin (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Perry Gisclair	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Tom Gattle	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Glynn Carver	<u> </u>	<u>✓</u>
Joseph Cormier	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Jerald Hanchey	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Norman McCall	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>

Mr. Chairman:

There are 6 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.
Secretary Jenkins is also present.

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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LA
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10:00 AM

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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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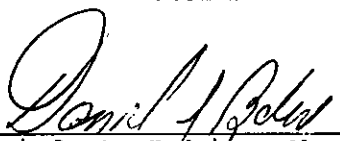
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WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted as a Notice of Intent by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.



Daniel J. Babin, Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 1997-98 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

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D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

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3	Oct.11-12, 25-26, Nov.1-2, 8-9, 28-30	11	Oct.11-12, 25-26, Nov.28-30 (Rapides) Oct.11-12, Nov.28-30, Dec.6-7 (St. Landry)
4	Nov.22-23, 28-30	5	Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7, 13-14 (East Carroll)

5	None		
6	Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7, 13-14	9	Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7 (Avoyelles, Rapides, St. Landry)
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Public hearings will be held at regularly scheduled Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meetings from April through July. Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until May 23, 1997 to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

Daniel J. Babin

Chairman

CHANGES

Hunting Seasons

1997-98

Wildlife Management Areas

1. Standardize small game seasons on all areas. i.e. Small game seasons will be open same as outside except closed during either sex modern firearm hunts for deer and some other special circumstances.
2. Expand either sex gun hunts for deer on those areas that have had only one day. We will go to two days. The areas are Pomme de Terre, Grassy Lake, Red River, Three Rivers, Sicily Island Hills, Boeuf, Pearl River, Ben's Creek, Big Lake, Dewey Wills, Sandy Hollow, and Spring Bayou.
3. All WMA muzzleloader hunts will be for either sex deer.
4. Amend the language regarding permanent deer stands to permit hunters to leave stands in the woods overnight so long as they are not in the hunting position and do not preempt space. This would mean that climbing stands cannot be hooked onto the tree and that ladder stands or tripods must be laying on the ground. Also language will be added that all stands must be removed within one week of the last day of deer season.
5. Hunters will be allowed to take hogs during any open hunting season provided the weapon and ammunition used is legal.
6. Hunter orange cap or vest will be required to small game hunt on all Wildlife Management Areas if a gun deer season is in progress. Hunter orange cap or vest required of all hunters using dogs to hunt except for waterfowl hunting.

General

1. Regulations change that will give the Department Secretary the authority to amend hunting seasons for sound biological reasons, with concurrence of the Wildlife Division, in order to properly manage the resource.

2. Squirrel season will be extended to February 8 statewide to provide more opportunity for small game hunting.

Deer - Statewide

Muzzleloader hunters will have one additional week of either sex hunting at the end of the regular gun deer season in each deer hunting area.

Area 1. 1) Season structure shifted one week later than last year.

Area 3. 1) Archery season opens earlier to take advantage of the early rut in this area; season also closes earlier to keep the total days the same as other deer hunting areas.

2) Muzzleloader and regular gun season opens one week earlier to take advantage of the earlier rut in this area.

3) Boundary change to include those portions of Beauregard and Calcasieu parishes that have been in deer hunting Area 2 into deer hunting Area 3.

Area 5. 1) Additional week of either-sex muzzleloader hunting to coincide with Area 4 season. This will be the first either-sex muzzleloader hunting opportunity in the area (formerly buck-only).

- Area 6. 1) Season structure shifted one week later than last year.
- Area 7. 1) Muzzleloader and regular gun season opens one week earlier to take advantage of the early rut.

Pheasant ??

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4	Nov.22-23, 28-30	5	Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7, 13-14 (East Carroll)

5	None		
6	Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7, 13-14	9	Nov.22-23, 28-30, Dec.6-7 (Avoyelles, Rapides, St. Landry)
7	Oct.11-12, Nov.22- 23, 28-30, Dec.13- 14	9	

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Public hearings will be held at regularly scheduled Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meetings from April through July. Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until May 23, 1997 to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

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CHANGES

Hunting Seasons

1997-98

Wildlife Management Areas

1. Standardize small game seasons on all areas. i.e. Small game seasons will be open same as outside except closed during either sex modern firearm hunts for deer and some other special circumstances.
2. Expand either sex gun hunts for deer on those areas that have had only one day. We will go to two days. The areas are Pomme de Terre, Grassy Lake, Red River, Three Rivers, Sicily Island Hills, Boeuf, Pearl River, Ben's Creek, Big Lake, Dewey Wills, Sandy Hollow, and Spring Bayou.
3. All WMA muzzleloader hunts will be for either sex deer.
4. Amend the language regarding permanent deer stands to permit hunters to leave stands in the woods overnight so long as they are not in the hunting position and do not preempt space. This would mean that climbing stands cannot be hooked onto the tree and that ladder stands or tripods must be laying on the ground. Also language will be added that all stands must be removed within one week of the last day of deer season.
5. Hunters will be allowed to take hogs during any open hunting season provided the weapon and ammunition used is legal.
6. Hunter orange cap or vest will be required to small game hunt on all Wildlife Management Areas if a gun deer season is in progress. Hunter orange cap or vest required of all hunters using dogs to hunt except for waterfowl hunting.

General

1. Regulations change that will give the Department Secretary the authority to amend hunting seasons for sound biological reasons, with concurrence of the Wildlife Division, in order to properly manage the resource.
2. Squirrel season will be extended to February 8 statewide to provide more opportunity for small game hunting.

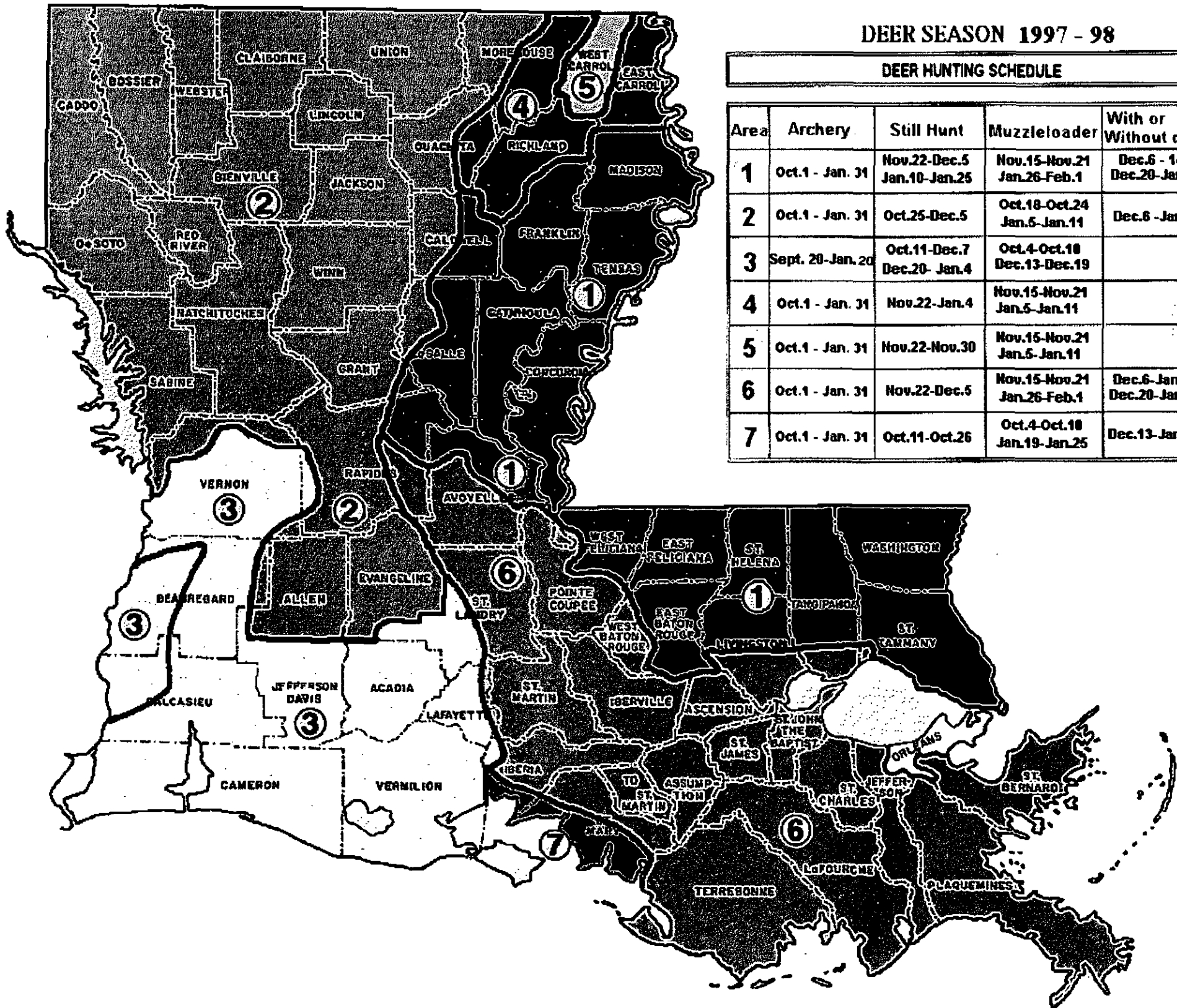
Deer - Statewide

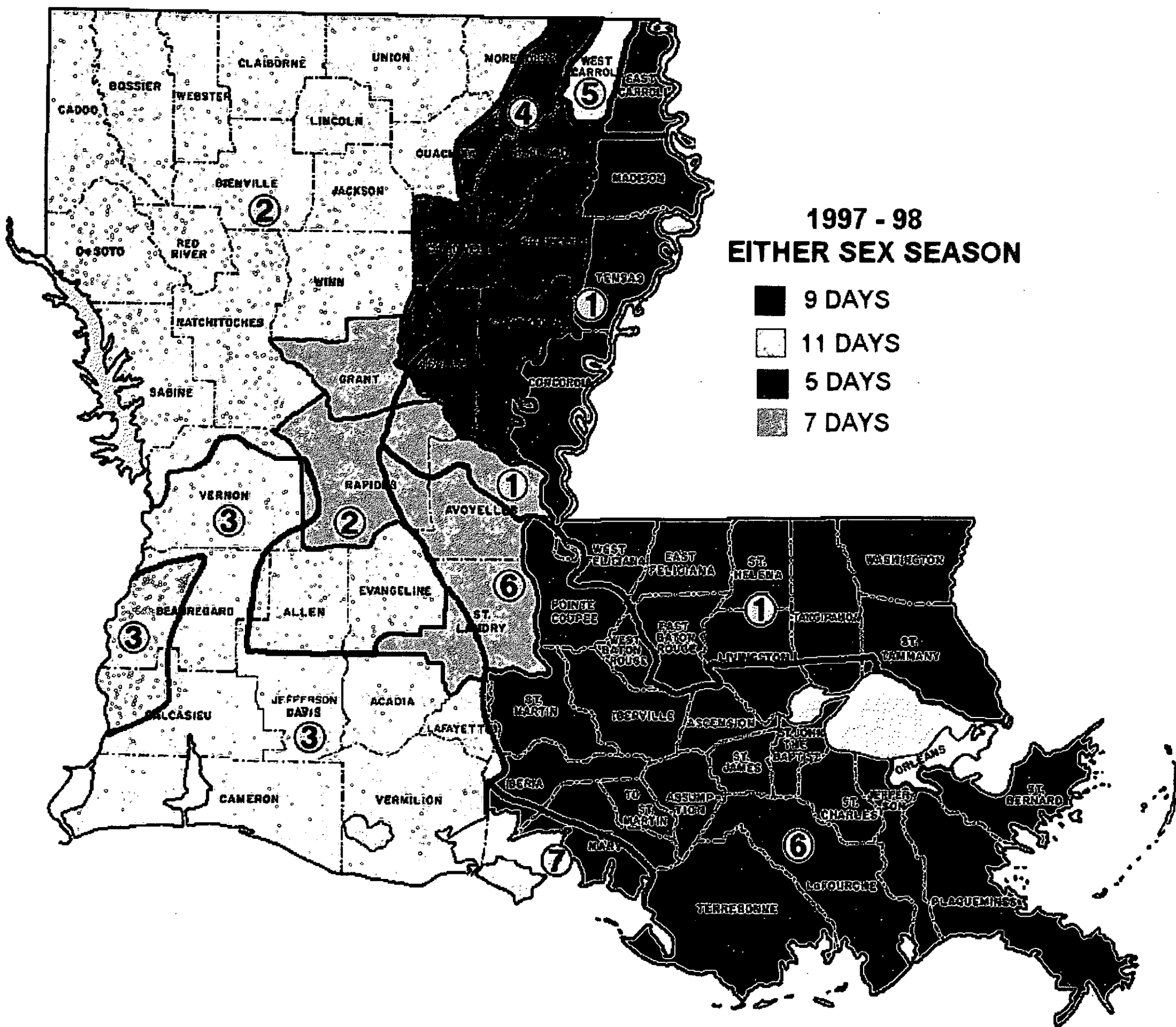
Muzzleloader hunters will have one additional week of either sex hunting at the end of the regular gun deer season in each deer hunting area.

- Area 1. 1) Season structure shifted one week later than last year.
- Area 3. 1) Archery season opens earlier to take advantage of the early rut in this area; season also closes earlier to keep the total days the same as other deer hunting areas.
- 2) Muzzleloader and regular gun season opens one week earlier to take advantage of the earlier rut in this area.
- 3) Boundary change to include those portions of Beauregard and Calcasieu parishes that have been in deer hunting Area 2 into deer hunting Area 3.
- Area 5. 1) Additional week of either-sex muzzleloader hunting to coincide with Area 4 season. This will be the first either-sex muzzleloader hunting opportunity in the area (formerly buck-only).

Area 6. 1) Season structure shifted one week later than last year.

Area 7. 1) Muzzleloader and regular gun season opens one week earlier to take advantage of the early rut.





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HUNTING REGULATIONS 1997-1998

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1997-98 HUNTING SEASONS

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A HUNTER'S PLEDGE

Responsible hunting provides unique challenges and rewards. However, the future of the sport depends on each hunter's behavior and ethics. Therefore, as a hunter, I pledge to

- **Respect the environment and wildlife.**
- **Respect property and landowners.**
- **Show consideration for non-hunters.**
- **Hunt safely.**
- **Know and obey the law.**
- **Support wildlife and habitat conservation.**
- **Pass on an ethical hunting conservation.**
- **Pass on an ethical hunting tradition.**
- **Strive to improve my outdoor skills and understanding of wildlife.**
- **Hunt only with ethical hunters.**

By following these principles of conduct each time I go afield, I will give my best to the sport, the public, the environment and myself. The responsibility to hunt ethically is mine; the future of hunting depends on me.

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS*(Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)*

Also consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on WMAs or specific localities.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Quail	Nov. 27-Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 4-Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 4-Feb. 8	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)	6/season

DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	ARCHERY	MUZZLELOADER (All Either Sex)	STILL HUNT	WITH OR WITH OUT DOGS
1	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 15-21 Jan. 26-Feb. 1	Nov. 22-Dec. 5 Jan. 10-25	Dec. 6-14 Dec. 20-Jan. 9
2	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Oct. 18-24 Jan. 5-11	Oct. 25-Dec. 5	Dec. 6-Jan. 4
3	Sept. 20-Jan. 20	Oct. 4-10 Dec. 13-19	Oct. 11-Dec. 7 Dec. 20-Jan. 4	
4	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 15-21 Jan. 5-11	Nov. 22-Jan. 4	
5	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 15-21 Jan. 5-11	Nov. 22-30	
6	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 15-21 Jan. 26-Feb. 1	Nov. 22-Dec. 5	Dec. 6-14 Dec. 20-Jan. 25
7	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Oct. 4-10 Jan. 19-25	Oct. 11-26 Nov. 22-Dec. 7	Dec. 13-Jan. 18

MODERN FIREARM EITHER SEX SEASONS

AREA	BASIC EITHER SEX SEASON DATES	EXCEPT (Either sex days are as follows in portions of the parishes listed)
1	Nov. 22-23, 28-30,	Franklin, Catahoula, LaSalle, Caldwell parishes either-sex dates are Nov. 22-23, 28-30 <i>only</i> . Avoyelles, Grant parish either-sex dates are Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7 <i>only</i> .
2	Oct. 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 28-30, Dec. 6-7	Caldwell, LaSalle parishes either-sex dates are Oct. 25-26, Nov. 28-30 <i>only</i> . Avoyelles, Grant, Rapides parishes either-sex dates are Oct. 25-26, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7 <i>only</i> .
3	Oct. 11-12, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 28-30	Rapides Parish either-sex dates are Oct. 11- 12, 25-26, Nov. 28-30 <i>only</i> . St. Landry Parish either-sex dates are Oct. 11-12, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7 <i>only</i> .
4	Nov. 22-23, 28-30	East Carroll Parish either-sex dates are Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14 <i>only</i> .
5	None	
6	Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14	Avoyelles, Rapides, St. Landry parishes either-sex dates are Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7 <i>only</i> .
7	Oct. 11-12, Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 13-14	None

OTHER SEASONS DATES

TURKEY

Season dates will be promulgated in November 1996 and a separate pamphlet will be published in December 1996.

RACCOON AND OPOSSUM:

No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rim-fire rifle. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire, muzzleloader rifle .36 caliber or smaller or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

BLACKBIRDS AND CROWS:

All blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles and crows are considered crop depredaters in Louisiana and may therefore be taken year round during legal shooting hours with no limit. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

COMMERCIAL HUNTING PRESERVE:

Oct. 1-Apr. 30. Pen-raised birds only.
No limit entire season.

DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

Deer clubs enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and .05/acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked to antlerless deer (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow and muzzleloader) through the ear or hock in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in immediate cancellation of the program on those lands involved.

HUNTING - GENERAL PROVISIONS

A basic resident or non-resident license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. *See information for exceptions.*

No person born on or after Sept. 1, 1969, shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course taught or approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. However, a person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct and immediate supervision of a person 18 years of age or older. For course information, call (504) 765-2932 or any district office.

A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer. A separate wild turkey stamp is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

TAKING GAME QUADRUPEDS OR BIRDS from aircraft, with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

METHODS OF TAKING RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND QUADRUPEDS

Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow and a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey and waterfowl. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than .36 caliber. During closed deer gun season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced.

Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly.

Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

NUISANCE ANIMALS - Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means and EXCEPT that nutria and beaver can not be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required during open trapping season to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES - Louisiana Black Bear, Louisiana Pearlsheil (mussel), Sea Turtles, Gopher Tortoise, Ringed Sawback Turtle, Brown Pelican, Bald Eagle, Peregrin Falcon, Whooping Crane, Eskimo Curlew, Piping Plover, Interior Least Tern, Ivory-billed Woodpecker, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Bachman's Warbler, West Indian Manatee, Florida Panther, Pallid Sturgeon, Gulf Sturgeon, Attwater's Greater Prairie Chicken, Whales, and Red Wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

UNREGULATED QUADRUPEDS - Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to chase-only during still hunting segments of the firearm season for deer.

FOXES AND BOBCATS are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" permitted by licensed hunters.

HUNTING AND/OR DISCHARGING FIREARMS ON PUBLIC ROADS - Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or public road right of way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and rights of way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.

TAGS - Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. Deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the ear or the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with bow and muzzleloader and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before deer is moved from the site of the kill.

SEX IDENTIFICATION - Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on any deer taken or on all turkey taken during any special gobbler season (unless properly divided and tagged), so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is en route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to State regulations, the following Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting and storing of migratory game birds:

RESTRICTIONS - No person shall take migratory game birds:

With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive or stupefying substance.

With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.

From a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).

From or with the aid of a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegic and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body which involves both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.

From or by means of any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased.

By the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such tame birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.

Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls.

By driving, rallying or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in the range of the hunter.

By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement, or on or over any baited area). Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

CLOSED SEASON - No person shall take migratory game birds during the closed season.

SHOOTING OR HAWKING HOURS - No person shall take migratory game birds except during the hours open to shooting and hawking as prescribed.

DAILY BAG LIMIT - No person shall take in any one day more than one daily bag limit.

FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT - No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

WANTON WASTE - All migratory game birds shall be retrieved, if possible, and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field.

TAGGING - No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:

1. The hunter's signature.
2. The hunter's address.
3. The total number of birds involved, by species.
4. The dates such birds were killed.

Tagging is required if the birds are being transported by another person for the hunter or if the birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment or taxidermy services.

POSSESSION OF LIVE BIRDS - Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

DRESSING - No person shall completely field dress any migratory game bird (except doves and bandtailed pigeons) and then transport the bird from the field. The head or one fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being transported from the field to one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility.

SHIPMENT - No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: (a) the name and address of the person sending the birds, (b) the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent and (c) the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

IMPORTATION - For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country, hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between a port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in a foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING AND CONSERVATION STAMP (DUCK STAMP) - The law requires that each waterfowl hunter 16 years of age and older must carry on his person a valid Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (federal duck stamp) signed in ink across the face. Hunters younger than 16 may voluntarily purchase a duck stamp and help preserve wetlands for waterfowl. Louisiana law requires that persons between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive have a valid state duck stamp, signed in ink across the face, in possession while hunting ducks, geese and coots.

NONTOXIC SHOT REGULATIONS AND ZONE DESCRIPTIONS - No person shall take migratory game birds while possessing shot other than steel or other approved shot. This restriction applies only to ducks, geese, brant, swans and coots.

DUAL VIOLATION - Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

REFERENCE - Federal regulations related to migratory game birds are located in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

CAUTION - More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal regulations, contact U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Special Agent-In-Charge: Slidell (504) 257-7550; Denham Springs (504) 389-0360; Lafayette (318) 264-6630; Lake Charles (318) 437-7214; Monroe (318) 325-1735.



- A. One antlered and one antlerless (when legal) deer per day EXCEPT on Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.
- B. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing doe deer is prohibited except where specifically permitted.
- C. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise permitted.
- D. Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.
- E. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.
- F. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting season. Deer hunting with dogs is permitted in all other areas having open deer seasons that

are not specifically designated as still hunting only. Use of dogs to trail wounded deer is expressly prohibited in still hunting areas.

- G. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.
- H. Muzzleloader Segment: (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special state, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons.) Still hunt only. See page 4 for specific hunting area dates. Specified WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Muzzleloader license required for hunters 16 years of age and older and less than 60 years of age. Either sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT as specified on Public Areas and EXCEPT in West Carroll and Lafayette parishes.

Legal Muzzleloader Firearms For Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only and be fitted only with iron sights or non-magnified scopes.

- I. **Archery Segment:** Still hunting only; Oct. 1-Jan. 31 in all deer hunting areas, EXCEPT Area 3 where the season will be Sept. 20-Jan. 20. WMAs seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. Archery license required for bow hunters 16 and older and less than 60 years of age. Persons 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. Either sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, archers must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Pass-a-Loutre and Point-au-Chien WMAs. (SEE SCHEDULE).

BOW AND ARROW REGULATIONS: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

IT IS UNLAWFUL:

1. To carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season. EXCEPT, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).
 2. To have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means except that hand held releases are lawful.
 3. To hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.
- J. **HUNTER ORANGE:** Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a cap or a hat that is completely covered with hunter orange material in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not permitted by agreement of the landowner or lessee.
- WARNING: DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING "HUNTER ORANGE".**
- K. **SPECIAL HANDICAPPED EITHER-SEX DEER SEASON ON PRIVATE LAND:** Oct. 11-12. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

DESCRIPTION OF AREAS

**AREA 1 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES.
SEE PAGES 5-7 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Catahoula	Tensas	East Feliciana
Concordia	East Baton Rouge	St. Helena
Franklin	Madison	Washington

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Avoyelles - North of La. 1.

Caldwell - East of U.S. 165.

Grant - East of U.S. 165 and South of La. 8.

LaSalle - Portion south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.

Livingston - North of I-12.

Rapides - North of Red River from Avoyelles Parish line northward to U.S. 165 in Alexandria, east of U.S. 165 from Alexandria northward to Grant Parish line.

St. Tammany - All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchoufoude River, west of Tchoufoude River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

Tangipahoa - North of I-12.

West Feliciana - All EXCEPT that portion known as Racconrd and Turnbull Island.

STILL HUNTING ONLY IN ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES:

Avoyelles - That portion surrounding Pomme de Terra WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by La. 451 and on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville, southward to its juncture with La. 451.

Catahoula - South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to La. 8 at Harrisonburg, west of La. 8 to La. 913, west of La. 913 and La. 15 to Deer Creek.

East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge - East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi line to La. 10. North of La. 10 from Thompson Creek to La. 67 at Clinton, West of La. 67 from Clinton to Mississippi line. South of Mississippi line from La. 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of La. 67 from La. 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from La. 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to La. 64, north of La. 64 to La. 37 at Magnolia, east of La. 37 northward to La. 64 at Indian Mound, north of La. 64 from Indian Mound to La. 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of La. 67 from parish line north to La. 959, south of La. 959, east to La. 63, west of La. 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River, southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to La. 67.

St. Helena - North of La. 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpeller, westward to La. 449, east and south of La. 449 from La. 16 at Pine Grove northward to La. 1045, south of La. 1045 from its junction with La. 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, West of the Tickfaw River from La. 1045 southward to La. 16 at Montpeller.

Washington and St. Tammany - East of La. 21 from the Mississippi line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi line, south of the Mississippi line from the Pearl River westward to La. 21. Also that portion of St. Tammany Parish north of La. 22 from U.S. 190 to La. 1077, east of La. 1077 northward to junction with U.S. 190, south and west of U.S. 190 from La. 1077 to junction. with La. 22.

West Feliciana - West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of U.S. 61 and La. 966, east of La. 966 from U.S. 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

Franklin - ALL.

**AREA 2 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES
SEE PAGES 5-7 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Bienville	Jackson	Red River
Bossier	Lincoln	Sabine
Caddo	Natchitoches	Union
Claiborne		Webster
DeSoto		Winn

EXCEPT: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations, see page 37. Caney, Comey, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie shall have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer, see page 37.

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Allen - North of U.S. 190 east of Reeves and east of La. 113.

Avoyelles - That portion west of I-49.

Caldwell - West of U.S. 165

Evangeline - All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

Grant - ALL EXCEPT the following portions: east of U.S. 165 from Rapides Parish line northward to La. 8 at Pollock, south and east of La. 8 from Pollock northward to Little River.

Jefferson Davis - North of U.S. 190.

LaSalle - All EXCEPT east of La. 8 from Little River northward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.

Morehouse - West of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, west of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, west and south of La. 593 to Collinston, west of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and north of La. 134 to Ouachita line.

Quachita - ALL EXCEPT south of U. S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line.

Rapides - ALL EXCEPT north of Red River from Avoyelles Parish line northward to U.S. 165 in Alexandria, east of U.S. 165 from Alexandria northward to Grant Parish line, south of La. 465 to junction of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill, and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and portion south of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

Vernon - East and south of La. 113, north of La. 465, west of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and north of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

STILL HUNTING ONLY IN ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES

Claiborne and Webster: Caney, Comey and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations).

Quachita: East of Ouachita River.

Rapides: West of U. S. 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 northward to U.S. 167 at Alexandria.

**AREA 3 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES
SEE PAGES 5-7 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

All of Acadia, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron and Vermilion parishes are open.

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Allen - South of U.S. 190 and west of La. 113.

Iberia - West of U.S. 90 and north of La. 14.

Jefferson Davis - All EXCEPT north of U.S. 190.

Lafayette - West of I-49 and U.S. 90.

Rapides - South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill, and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon line.

St. Landry - West of U.S. 167.

Vernon - West and north of La. 113, south of La. 465, east of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

All Kisatchie National Forest lands within Area 3 shall be still hunting only.

**AREA 4 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES
SEE PAGES 5-7 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

All of East Carroll and Richland parishes are open.

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Morehouse - East of U. S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, south and east of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, east of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, east and north of La. 593 to Collinston, east of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and south of La. 134 to Ouachita line.

Ouachita - South of U. S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line.

**AREA 5 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES
SEE PAGES 5-7 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

ALL OF WEST CARROLL PARISH IS OPEN.

All deer hunting, including muzzleloader hunting, shall be for bucks only.

**AREA 6 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES
SEE PAGES 5-7 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

ALL OF ORLEANS PARISH IS CLOSED TO ALL FORMS OF DEER HUNTING

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Ascension	Plaquemines	St. John
Assumption	Pointe Coupee	St. Martin
Iberville	St. Bernard	Jefferson
St. Charles	Terrebonne	Lafourche
St. James	West Baton Rouge	

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Avoyelles - South of La. 1 and also that portion east of I-49.

- Evangeline - That portion east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.
- Iberia - East of U.S. 90.
- Lafayette - East of I-49 and U.S. 90.
- Livingston - South of I-12.
- Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.
- St. Landry - East of U.S. 167.
- St. Mary - North of U.S. 90.
- St. Tammany - That portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchoufouche River, west of Tchoufouche River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.
- Tangipahoa - South of I-12.
- West Feliciana - West of Mississippi River, known as Racconrd and Turnbull Islands.

STILL HUNTING ONLY IN ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES

- Plaquemines - East of the Mississippi River.
- Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.
- St. Bernard - All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre.
- St. John - South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. 51, east of U.S. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of La. 638 from U.S. 51 to Lake Pontchartrain. West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. 638 to Pass Manchac.
- St. Landry - Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by La. 359, west by La. 10, and south by La. 103.

**AREA 7 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES
SEE PAGES 5-7 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

- Iberia and St. Mary Parishes - South of La. 14 and west U. S. Hwy. 90.

1997-98
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS

GENERAL

The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

Citizens are cautioned that by entering upon a WMAs managed by the LDWF that they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

Wildlife management area seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the Department in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

Lands within WMA boundaries will have same seasons and regulations as the management area with which they are associated.

Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs except in designated locations is prohibited.

Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval.

Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.) and wild plants is prohibited without prior approval.

Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day. Commercial operation must obtain permit from the District Office.

Nature trails - access to trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

PERMITS

DAILY: Daily permits when required shall be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA. Hunters may enter the area 1/2 hour before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must check out daily and exit the area 1/2 hour after legal shooting time.

SELF CLEARING PERMITS: On designated WMAs with Self Clearing requirements all hunters must check in daily by picking up a permit from a Self Clearing station. Upon completion of each daily hunt, the hunter must check out by completing the hunter report portion of the permit and depositing it in the check out box at a Self Clearing station before exiting the WMA.

WILD LOUISIANA STAMP: Persons using WMA's or other department administered lands for non-consumptive purposes, such as camping, shooting on rifle ranges, berry picking, hiking, photography, bird-watching and the like, shall be required to possess one of the following: a Wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement.

SPECIAL SEASONS

YOUTH DEER HUNT: Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed EXCEPT special seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. The adult may not possess a firearm. The youth may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate district office for special check station locations when daily permits are required and maps of specific hunting area. Either-sex deer may be taken on the following WMAs during the dates specified: Oct. 18-19 on Boise Vernon, Georgia Pacific, Jackson-Bienville (portion), Ouachita, Sabine (portion), Salvador and West Bay; Nov. 8-9 on Boeuf, Loggy Bayou, Pearl River, Red River, Dewey Wills (Saline), Sherburne and Spring Bayou. Nov. 1-2 and Nov. 8-9 on Bens Creek WMA. Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves will have a Youth Deer Hunt on Oct. 11-12.

HANDICAPPED SEASON: For handicapped hunters only, Oct. 19-20, West Bay and a portion of Jackson-Bienville; and Nov. 9-10 on Bens Creek, Sherburne and a portion of Dewey W. Wills (Saline). Participants must apply for and receive a permit in advance from any District Office. Contact District Office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves will have a Handicapped Deer Hunt on Oct. 12-13.

LOTTERY HUNTS, DEER: Bayou Macon, Buckhorn, Sherburne, Thistlethwaite WMAs. Hunt restricted to those persons selected as a result of the preapplication Lottery. Deadline for application is Sept. 30, 1997. Application fee of five dollars (\$5) must be sent with application. Contact district offices for applications. Hunters on Bayou Macon must check in to have permit validated at Hwy. 2 Permit Station. Hunters on all four areas must check their deer out at a check station.

LOTTERY HUNTS, TURKEY: Hunts on Dewey Wills, Georgia Pacific, Loggy Bayou, Tunica Hills, Sicily Island Hills, and Sherburne WMAs restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Deadline for applications is Jan. 31, 1998. All turkeys must be checked in at self-clearing station. Contact District Offices for more details. Consult separate Turkey Hunting Regulations pamphlet for more details.

TRAPPING: Permits to take fur bearers from WMAs may be obtained at district offices when required. Consult 1997-98 Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the District Office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8:00 am-4:30 pm on normal working days at district offices. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress.

RACCOON HUNTING: NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL-Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the district office for WMAs where permits are required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of hunting privileges on WMAs. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person, during daylight hours only, during the open squirrel season on WMAs EXCEPT Pass-a-Loutre, Point-au-Chien and Salvador. Raccoon bag limit is one per person per night for raccoon hunters on WMAs except as otherwise specified. Permits, when required, may be obtained at district offices only between hours of 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

COMMERCIAL FISHING: Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines permitted on Dewey Wills (Saline) WMA north of La. 28 in diversion canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl season on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador, Ouachita and Pointe-Au-Chien WMAs EXCEPT shrimping allowed on Pointe-Au-Chien only in Cut Off Canal during daytime and nighttime, and trawling allowed in Wonder Lake during daytime only. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges.

SPORT FISHING: Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are permitted on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations EXCEPT nighttime frogging prohibited on Salvador and Pointe-Au-Chien.

ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT LANDS: The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in Rapides, Vernon, West Carroll, Evangeline and St. Helena parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. The following hunting seasons are applicable to these tracts EXCEPT for Elbow Slough in Rapides parish. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries District Office for specific information and any additional season dates.

Doves: Same as outside, EXCEPT open first split only and EXCEPT steel shot required on Elbow Slough.

Quail and Woodcock: Same as outside.

Rabbit and Squirrel: Same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 22-Feb. 28.

FIREARMS

Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs and ATCs on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas.

Firearms and bows and arrows are not permitted on WMAs during closed seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges. Bows and broadhead arrows are not permitted on WMAs EXCEPT during regular archery season, turkey season or EXCEPT as permitted for bowfishing.

Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists.
Loaded firearms are not permitted near WMA check stations.

Center-fire rifles and handguns, arms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs, or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during deer season.

Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

Discharging of firearms on or hunting from improved roads or their rights-of-way is prohibited.

METHODS OF TAKING GAME

Moving Deer or Hogs on a WMA with organized Drivers and Standers, Drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included). Unmarked hogs may be taken on some WMAs but only during prescribed seasons and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Proper licenses and permits are required for hunting the game species for which the area is open at the time.

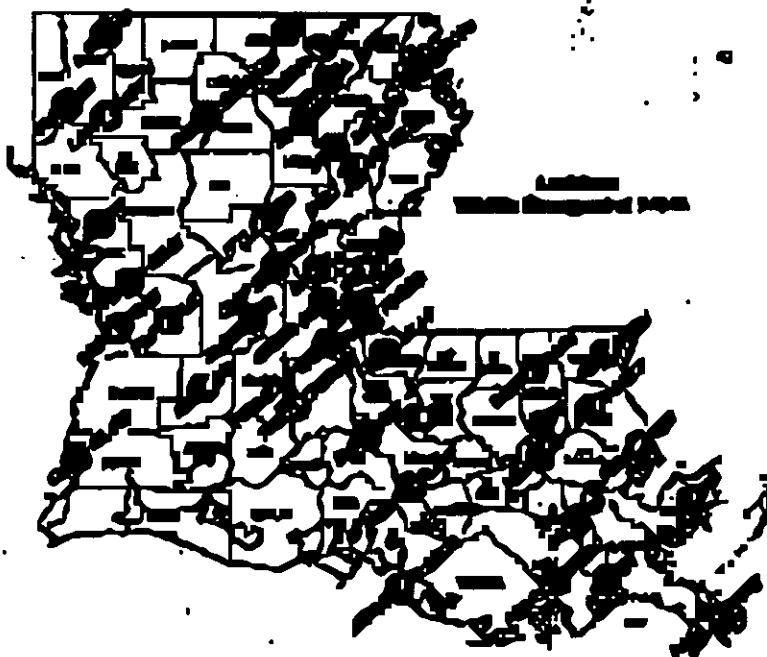
Hunters who kill deer on WMAs where daily permits are required must have deer checked at the check station on same day of kill.

Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during early still hunt season unless specified in the regulation pamphlet.

Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be destroyed.

A permanent blind or stand is defined as any structure and/or material, including vegetation, used for concealment while hunting, not completely dismantled or removed from wildlife management area daily.

Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are also prohibited.



All waterfowl hunters must dismantle blinds and remove decoys within 30 minutes after close of shooting hours on each respective area. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and disposed of by the Department. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

Hunters shall not hunt, take or pursue game birds or animals from moving vehicles on any WMA.

Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMA's.

The use of horses and mules is prohibited for hunting or trapping on WMAs EXCEPT for quail hunting or EXCEPT as otherwise specified. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer.

All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" during open gun season for deer. ALSO all non-hunters afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

ARCHERY SEASON FOR DEER: The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open to either sex deer EXCEPT as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Pointe-au-Chien and Salvador WMAs, and closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or handicapped hunters are in progress.

Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

MUZZLELOADER SEASON FOR DEER: See WMA deer schedule.

CAMPING

Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreation vehicles and tents, is permitted only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas.

On Atchafalaya Delta WMA, camp boats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the waterfowl season until the close of rabbit season. On Pass-a-Loutre WMA, camp boats may be moored in specially designated areas during waterfowl season only. At all other times of the year, mooring period limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Permits are required for overnight mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Areas. Permits may be obtained from headquarters on respective WMAs or from the New Iberia office (318) 373-0032 for Atchafalaya Delta WMA.

No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations.

Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation.

Swimming prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

RESTRICTED AREAS

For your safety ALL oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

No unauthorized entry or hunting in restricted areas or refuges.

DOGS

EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, all use of dogs on WMAs is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting and bird dog training when allowed, having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be held liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are permitted for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.

VEHICLES

Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.

The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within wildlife management areas due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

Tractor or implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles.

Airboats, aircraft and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs.
Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

Motorized vehicles, including ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads and trails. WMA maps available at all district offices. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.

Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees. Handicapped ATV permittees restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only (See WMA Map).

Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition or construction.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. All trails and roads designated as ATV only shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through June 1. ATV off-road travel is prohibited.

CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.

**1997-98 SEASON
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS
BASIC SEASON DATES**

RESIDENT SMALL GAME (SQUIRREL, RABBIT, AND QUAIL)

Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons except quail season closes Jan. 31 on Sandy Hollow and except all small game closed on Tunica Hills during the muzzleloader season. Consult the following tables and WMA regulations for any other specific details. Also see text for Atchafalaya Delta, Pass a Loutre, Pointe au Chien, and Salvador/Timken.

WATERFOWL (DUCKS, GEESE, AND COOTS)

Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons except hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Consult the following tables and WMA regulations for any other specific details. Also see text for Atchafalaya Delta, Pass a Loutre, Pointe au Chien, and Salvador/Timken.

MIGRATORY BIRDS (DOVE, WOODCOCK, SNIPE, RAIL, AND GALLINULE)

Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons. Consult the following tables and WMA regulations for any other specific details. Also see text for Atchafalaya Delta, Pass a Loutre, Pointe au Chien, and Salvador/Timken.

ARCHERY

Same as outside. Also see text for Atchafalaya Delta, Pass a Loutre, Pointe au Chien, and Salvador/Timken.

HOGS

On those areas with a hog season, hogs may only be taken by properly licensed hunters when a legal season is in progress. On Dewey Wills WMA, consult the specific area for that portion of the WMA that allows hog hunting.

**SPECIAL SEASONS ON
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS**

WMA	SQUIRREL (with dogs)	RABBIT (with dogs)	HOGS	YOUTH HUNTS	HANDICAPPED HUNTS	RACCOON
Alexander State Forest	none	none	no	none	none	none
Atchafalaya Delta	none	see p. ?	no	none	none	none
Attakapas	none	Jan. 26- Feb. 28	no	none	none	none
Bayou Pierre	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	none	none	none
Bayou Macon	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	none	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Bens Creek	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	Nov. 1-2, Nov. 8-9 (see p. ?)	Nov. 1-2, Nov. 8-9 (see p. ?)	Jan. 19- Feb. 1 (no limit)
Big Lake	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	none	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1

WMA	SQUIRREL (with dogs)	RABBIT (with dogs)	HOGS	YOUTH HUNTS	HANDICAPPED HUNTS	RACCOON
Biloxi	none	?	no	none	none	none
Bodcau	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	none	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Boeuf	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	Nov. 8-9	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Boise- Vernon	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	Oct. 18-19	none	none
Buckhorn	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	none	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Camp Beauregard	Jan. 5- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	none	none	none
Dewey Wills	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	Nov. 8-9 (see p. ?)	Nov. 8-9 (see p. ?)	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Fort Polk	none	none	yes	none	none	none
Georgia Pacific	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	none	no	Oct. 18-19 (see p. ?)	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Grassy Lake	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	none	none	none
Jackson Bienville	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	Oct. 18-19 (see p. ?)	Oct. 18-19 (see p. ?)	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Joyce	none	none	no	none	none	none
Lake Ramsey	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	none	none	none
Little River	Jan. 5- Feb. 8	none	no	none	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Loggy Bayou	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	Nov. 8-9	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Manchac	none	none	yes	none	none	none
Ouachita	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	Oct. 18-19	none	Oct. 1-16 Jan. 19- Feb. 1 (no bag limit)
Pass-a- Loutre	none	see p. ?	yes	none	none	none
Pearl River	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	Nov. 8-9 (see p. ?)	none	Oct. 4-19, Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Peason Ridge	Jan. 5-	none	yes	none	none	none
Pointe au Chien	none	see p. ?	no	none	none	none
Pomme de Terre	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	none	none	none
Red River	none	none	yes	Nov. 8-9 (see p. ?)	none	none
Russell Sage	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	none	none	Oct. 1-16, Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Sabine	Jan. 5- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	Oct. 18-19 (see p. ?)	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Sabine Island	Jan. 5- Feb. 8	none	no	none	none	none

WMA	SQUIRREL (with dogs)	RABBIT (with dogs)	HOGS	YOUTH HUNTS	HANDICAPPED HUNTS	RACCOON
Salvador/ Timken	none	see p. ?	no	Oct. 18-19 (see p. ?)	none	none
Sandy Hollow	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	none	none	none
Sherburne	Jan. 19- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	Nov. 8-9	Nov. 8-9 (see p. ?)	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Sicity Island	none	none	yes	none	none	none
Spring Bayou	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	Nov. 8-9 (see p. ?)	none	none
Thistle- thwaite	none	none	yes	none	none	none
Three Rivers	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	none	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 1
Tunica Hills	none	none	no	none	none	none
Union	none	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	yes	none	none	none
West Bay	Jan. 5- Feb. 8	Jan. 19- Feb. 28	no	Oct. 18-19	Oct. 18-19 (see p. ?)	Jan. 3-25
Wisner	none	see p. ?	no	none	none	none

WMA	DEER EITHER SEX	PERMIT TYPE	BUCKS ONLY	PERMIT TYPE	MUZZLE LOADER EITHER SEX	PERMIT TYPE
Alexander State Forest			Nov. 28-30	0	Nov. 1-2, Nov. 8-9	1
Achafalaya Delta		see page 7 for details				
Attakapas	Nov. 28-30	3	Dec. 20-Jan. 4	0	Jan. 5-11	0
Bayou Macon	Nov. 22-23	2		0	Dec. 4-5	3
Bens Creek	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 13-Jan. 4	3	Dec. 6-12 Jan. 5-18	3
Big Lake	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 27-Jan. 4	0	Dec. 1-5	0
Bodcau	Oct. 25-26 Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 28-30, Dec. 6-7	0	Oct. 25-Dec. 7	0		
Boeuf	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 13-21	0	Dec. 1-5	0
Boise- Vernon	Oct. 25-26 Nov. 28-30	3 1	Oct. 27-Nov. 26	0	Dec. 1-7	0
Buckhorn Camp	Nov. 28-29	2	Dec. 27-Jan. 4 Oct. 25-Nov. 2	0	Dec. 1-5 Dec. 3-5	0 3
Dewey Wills	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 27-Jan. 4	0	Dec. 3-5	0

Permit Types:

- 0 — no permit required
 1 — daily permit issued day of hunt
 2 — pre-application lottery
 3 — self-clearing permit required daily
 Valid hunting license required on all WMAs

WMA DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

WMA	DEER ETHER/SEX	PERMIT TYPE	BUCKS ONLY	PERMIT TYPE	MUZZLELOADER ETHER/SEX	PERMIT TYPE
Fort	Nov. 28-30	1	Oct. 25- Nov. 26	3	Dec. 6-7	3
Polk	Dec. 20-21	3	Dec. 22-Jan. 4	3		
Georgia	Nov. 28-30	1	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	0	Dec. 1-7	0
Pacific						
Grassy	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30	0	Jan. 5-11	0
Lake			Dec. 26-Jan. 4			
Jackson	Oct. 25-26	1	Nov. 22-27	3		
Bienville	Nov. 1-2 and 8-9	3	Dec. 20-Jan. 4	3		
	Nov. 28-30	3				
	Dec. 6-7	3				
Joyce	Nov. 22-23, 28-30	0	Same as Area 6	0	Nov. 15-21	0
	Dec. 6-7, 13-14	0			Jan. 26-Feb. 1	
Lake Ramsey						
Little River						
Loggy Bayou	Nov. 28-30	1	Oct. 25- Nov. 2	0	Dec. 6-7	0
Ouachita	Nov. 28-30	1			Dec. 1-7	0
Pass-a-Loutre	see page 7 for details		Dec. 20-Jan. 4	0		
Pearl	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30	3	Dec. 6-12	3
River			Dec. 13-Jan. 4	3	Jan. 5-18	3
Peason	Nov. 28-30	3	Oct. 25-Nov. 26	3	Dec. 6-7	3
Ridge	Dec. 20-21	3	Dec. 22-Jan. 4	3		

Permit Types:

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 1 — daily permit issued day of hunt
 2 — pre-application lottery
 3 — self-clearing permit required daily
 Valid hunting license required on all WMAs

WMA DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

WMA	DEER EITHER SEX	PERMIT TYPE	BUCKS ONLY	PERMIT TYPE	MUZZLE LOADER EITHER SEX	PERMIT TYPE
Point au Chien see page ? for details						
Pomme de Terre	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 26-Jan. 4	0		
Red River	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 27-Jan. 4	0	Dec. 1-5	0
Russell Sage	Nov. 28-30	1	Dec. 20-Jan. 4	0	Dec. 1-7	0
Sabine	Oct. 25-26 Nov. 28-30	3 3	Oct. 27-Nov. 26	0		
Sabine Island	Oct. 11-12, 25-26 Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 28-30	0	Same as Area 3	0	Oct. 4-10 Dec. 13-19	0
Salvador/ Timken	see page ? for details					
Sandy Hollow	Nov. 28-29	3	Nov. 30 Dec. 13-Jan. 4	0	Dec. 6-12 Jan. 5-18	3
Sherburne	Nov. 28-30 Dec. 6-7	2 3	Dec. 26-Jan. 4	0	Jan. 5-11	0
Sicily Island	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 13-21	0 0	Dec. 1-5	0

Permit Types:

- 0 — no permit required
 - 1 — daily permit issued day of hunt
 - 2 — pre-application lottery
 - 3 — self-clearing permit required daily
- Valid hunting license required on all WMAs*

WMA DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

WMA	DEER EITHER/SEX	PERMIT TYPE	BUCKS ONLY	PERMIT TYPE	MUZZLELOADER EITHER/SEX	PERMIT TYPE
Spring Bayou	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 26-Jan. 4	0	Jan. 5-11	0
Thistlethwaite	Nov. 28-30	2	Dec. 1-14	0	Jan. 5-11	0
Three Rivers	Nov. 28-29	1	Nov. 30 Dec. 27-Jan. 4	0	Dec. 1-5	0
Tunica Hills					Nov. 15-Dec. 7	0
Union	Oct. 25-26 Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 28-30	1				
West Bay	Oct. 18-19, 25-26 Nov. 28-30	1 3	Oct. 27-Nov. 26	0	Dec. 1-7	0
Wisner						

Permit Types:

- 0 — no permit required
 - 1 — daily permit issued day of hunt
 - 2 — pre-application lottery
 - 3 — self-clearing permit required daily
- Valid hunting license required on all WMAs*

WMA DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

1997-98 SEASON
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS HUNTING SCHEDULE
 See charts on pages ?? for Special Seasons.
 See charts on pages ?? for Deer Season.

1. **ALEXANDER STATE FOREST** (Owner: Office of Forestry, DNR — 8,092 Acres. District 3.):

Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads.

No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges.

No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

2. **ATCHAFALAYA DELTA** (Owner: State of Louisiana — 137,000 Acres. District 6.):

Deer: (Archery Only)

Oct. 1-Oct. 31. Main Delta only (Wax Lake Delta Closed). No hunting in restricted areas. Special permit required from Atchafalaya Delta headquarters.

Migratory
Game Birds:

Same as outside EXCEPT shooting hours shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise to noon during opening weekends of teal and duck seasons and 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of the season.

Rabbit:

Nov. 1-Feb. 28. Beagles permitted when waterfowl season is closed. No hunting in restricted areas.

3. **ATTAKAPAS** (Owner: State of Louisiana — 26,300 Acres. District 6.):

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

4. **BAYOU MACON** (Owner: LDWF — 6,940 Acres. District 2.):

5. **BAYOU PIERRE** (Owner: LDWF — 1,400 Acres. District 1.):

Waterfowl:

Entire area CLOSED to waterfowl hunting. Waterfowl Refuge closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping. Refuge marked with "Waterfowl Refuge" signs.

All vehicles restricted to parish roads.

6. **BENS CREEK** (Owner: Cavenham Forest Industries Inc. — 13,500 acres. District 7):

All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads.
Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads.

No hunting in restricted areas. (See WMA Map).

Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and during the spring turkey season.

7. **BIG LAKE** (Owner: LDWF — 19,221 Acres. District 4.):

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

8. **BILOXI** (Owner: Biloxi Marsh Land Corporation — 39,583 Acres. District 7.):

Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only during duck season.

Migratory Game Birds:

Same as outside.

9. **BODCAU** (Owner: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers — 32,471 Acres. District 1.):

10. **BOEUF** (Owner: LDWF — 48,504 Acres. District 4.):

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

11. **BOISE-VERNON** (Owner: Boise-Cascade Company — 54,269 Acres. District 5.):

Road travel and hunting restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads.

Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicle travel.

12. BUCKHORN (Owner: LDWF — 8,955 Acres. District 4.):

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

13. CAMP BEAUREGARD (Owner: Louisiana National Guard — 10,000 acres. District 3.)

SELF CLEARING PERMIT STATIONS AND MILITARY PERMIT.

Daily military clearance required for all recreational users.

Registration for use of Self Clearing permit required once per year at Range Central Building, telephone 318/641-3355, 318/641-3365 or LDWF, District III office, telephone 318/487-5885. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

14. DEWEY W. WILLS (Owner: LDWF — 60,276 Acres. District 3.):

Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters in fenced-in areas south and east of Hwy. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited in areas south and east of Hwy. 28.

Free-ranging livestock EXCEPT hogs prohibited in fenced-in areas north of Hwy. 28.

15. FORT POLK (Owner: U.S. Army and U.S. Forest Service — 109,855 Acres. District 5.):

Daily military clearance required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7803, North Fort Polk, telephone (318) 531-5715 or (318) 531-5255. Either-sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. * Moving Deer or Hogs on a WMA with organized Drivers and Standers, Drivers or making use of noises or noise-making Devices is prohibited. Trappers must also register at Building #7803 and use Self Clearing system. Special regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued.

Special archery regulations for Cantonment Areas, check locally at Building #7803. Either-sex deer legal Oct. 1-Jan. 31. Remainder of WMA restricted to bucks only when bucks-only gun season is in progress.

Fishing: Special regulations to apply on Alligator and Bonner Lakes. Regulations are posted at entrance to lake.

16. GEORGIA-PACIFIC (Owner: Georgia-Pacific Corporation — 25,480 Acres. District 2.):

All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

17. GRASSY LAKE (Owner: LDWF — 13,297 Acres. District 6.):

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

18. JACKSON-BIENVILLE (Owner: Willamette Industries, et al — 32,000 Acres. District 1.):

19. JOYCE (Owner: LDWF — 15,609 acres. District 7.):

Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walk way at your own risk.

20. LAKE RAMSAY (Owner: LDWF — 800 Acres. District 7.):

Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

21. LITTLE RIVER (Owner: LDWF — 2,944 Acres. District 3.):

Roads may be closed during wet conditions.

22. LOGGY BAYOU (Owner: LDWF — 4,213 Acres. District 1.)

Self Clearing Permit required for all persons hunting on Loggy Bayou EXCEPT when Daily Permits are required during the either-sex gun hunts for deer. Daily Permits will be available only from the check station at the camp ground.

23. MANCHAC (Owner: LDWF — 8,325 Acres. District 7.):

Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

24. QUACHITA (Owner: LDWF — 8,745 Acres. District 2.):

Waterfowl Refuge: North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during waterfowl season.

Crawfish: April 1-May 31, 100 lbs. per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight.

Commercial Fishing: Closed.

25. PASS-A-LOUTRE (Owner: LDWF — 66,000 Acres. District 8.):

Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside.

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan 31. Special permit required from Pass-a-Loutre headquarters.

Rabbit: Same as outside. Beagles permitted when waterfowl and archery season are closed.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed deer hunters during the Archery Season (archery only).

Commercial Mullet Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT Sept. 1-Jan. 31, commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass oil and gas canals, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognovich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay and Northshore Bay as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map.

Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters when a legal season is in process.

26. PEARL RIVER (Owner: LDWF — 34,896 Acres. District 7.):

All roads closed 8 p.m.- 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles.

Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, La., reaches 16.5 feet.

No Hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs.

Rifle range open 12-4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a \$5 fee.

27. PEASON RIDGE (Owner: U.S. Army — 33,488 Acres. District 5.):

Daily military clearance required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7803, North Fort Polk, telephone 318/531-5715 or 318/531-5255. Either-sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. * Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized Drivers and Standers Drivers, or making use of noises or noise making-devices is prohibited. Trappers must also register at Building #7803 and use Self Clearing system.

Special federal regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued.

28. POINTE-AU-CHIEN (Owner: LDWF — 30,037 Acres. District 8.):

Morning hunting only (closed at noon) on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for DOVE hunting as specified below.

Deer: Nov. 28-30 and Dec. 13-21bucks only, EXCEPT no gun hunting allowed on Point Farm property

(archery only).

- Archery: Oct. 1-Nov. 27, either sex.
- Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles prohibited during waterfowl and gun hunts for deer. Point Farm property, same as outside EXCEPT beagles prohibited during opening weekends of each dove season segment.
- Dove: Shooting hours same as outside season during opening weekends only of each season segment on Point Farms properties, otherwise morning hunting only.
- Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside.
- All Other Game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only.

Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. prohibited in the Montegut and Grand Bayou marsh management units.

Vehicles prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by LDWF.

All nighttime activities prohibited on area from 30 minutes after sundown to 1½ hours before sunrise.

29. POMME DE TERRE (Owner: LDWF — 7,064 Acres. District 6.):

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

30. RED RIVER (Owners: LDWF — 24,326 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers — 11,717 Acres. District 4.):

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

31. RUSSELL SAGE (Owner: LDWF — 17,280 Acres. District 2.):

Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited.

NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer gun hunting Nov. 22 and Nov. 28, either-sex; Nov. 23-26, Nov. 29-30, and Dec. 13- Jan. 1, bucks only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. ATVs prohibited.

32. SABINE (Owner: International Paper Company, Boise-Cascade Co., et al — 14,780 Acres. District 3.):

33. SABINE ISLAND (Owner: State of Louisiana and Calcasieu Parish School Board — 8,103 Acres. District 5):

All seasons same as outside EXCEPT still hunting only. Hunting for waterfowl after 2 p.m. prohibited. Dogs permitted for squirrels Jan. 4-26.

Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

34. SALVADOR/TIMKEN (Owner: LDWF — 30,600 Acres. District 8.):

Morning Hunting Only (closed noon) on ALL game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Sportsmen may enter the area 1½ hours before sunrise and leave the area 30 minutes after sunset when traveling to or from hunting or fishing locations.

- Area Closed: Oct 18-19 to all hunters except Youth Hunters.
- Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 18-19, either sex, no permit required, see Youth Deer Hunt regulations.
- Deer: Nov. 28-30, either sex, no permit required.
Dec. 8-21, bucks only.
- Muzzleloader: Dec. 6-7, either sex.

Archery: Oct. 1-Dec. 5, either sex.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT beagles prohibited during waterfowl and gun hunts for deer.

All Other Game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only.

Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside. Steel shot required for Gallinule hunting.

Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenches). Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact New Orleans District Office-Fur and Refuge Division.

Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower rating above 25 h.p. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands ponds including the West Canal, lakes "Bale Des Chactas" and "Bale du Cabange" and the Rathbome Access ditch.

35. SANDY HOLLOW (Owner: LDWF — 3,397 Acres. District 7.):

Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and during the spring turkey season. No horses on green planted areas.

No motorized vehicles allowed off parish roads.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

36. SHERBURNE (Owners: LDWF — 11,780 Acres; U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service — 15,220 Acres; U. S. Army Corps of Engineers — 15,690 Acres. District 6.):

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

Vehicular traffic prohibited on east Atchafalaya River Basin levee road within WMA boundaries.

Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only. Contact Hunter Education Office (504/765-2931). No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges.

Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge and U. S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to Sherburne have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

No commercial activity on Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, except trapping.

37. SICILY ISLAND HILLS (Owner: LDWF — 7,098 Acres. District 4.):

Firearms and any game harvested cannot be transported through the area except during the corresponding open season on area.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

38. SODA LAKE (Owner: Caddo Levee District — 1,300 Acres. District 1.):

Waterfowl Refuge: No hunting or trapping permitted. Sport fishing permitted Apr. 1-Aug. 31. All vehicular traffic restricted to improved roads. No ATVs or ATCs allowed. Access allowed from sunrise to sunset.)

39. SPRING BAYOU (Owner: LDWF — 12,078 Acres. District 6.):

Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas District Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Crawfish: 100 lbs. per person per day limit. Permit required from area supervisor

No hunting allowed in headquarters area.

Only overnight campers allowed in the Improved Boggy Bayou Camping area.
Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this camp site.

Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

40. THISTLETHWAITE (Owner: Thistlethwaite heirs — 11,100 Acres. District 6.):

No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA Map).

All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only.

All users must enter and leave through main gate only.

41. THREE RIVERS (Owners: LDWF — 23,222 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers — 1,085 Acres. District 4.):

Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.

42. TUNICA HILLS (Owner: LDWF — 3,366 Acres. District 7.):

All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATV's restricted to designated trails. Refer to WMA map.
ATV trails open Sept. 15-Feb. 1, closed remainder of year.

Camping prohibited on area.

43. UNION (Owner: Riverwood International Corporation, La. Dept. of Corrections, et al — 12,852 Acres. District 2):

44. WEST BAY (Owners: Boise Cascade Company, Kirby Lumber Co., Quatre-Parish Company, et al — 62,115 Acres. District 5.):

Road Travel and Hunting Restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads.
Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads.

Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

45. WISNER (Owner: Edward Wisner Donation Advisory Committee — 21,621 Acres. District 8.):

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during waterfowl season.
Beagles permitted EXCEPT during waterfowl season.

Waterfowl & All Other Game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunting only.

KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST Except Vernon & Caney Ranger Districts

Deer:	Oct. 18-19	Either sex, muzzleloader
	Oct. 25	Either sex, still hunt only
	Oct. 26-Nov. 3	Bucks only, still hunt only
	Nov. 29	Either sex, still hunt only
	Nov. 22-27	Bucks only, still hunt only
	Nov. 28	Either sex, still hunt only
	Nov. 29-30	Bucks only, still hunt only
	Dec. 6	Either sex, with or without dogs
	Dec. 7	Bucks only, with or without dogs
	Dec. 27-31	Bucks only, with or without dogs

Vernon Ranger District, Vernon Parish

Deer:	Oct. 4-5	Either sex, muzzleloader
	Oct. 25	Either sex, still hunt only
	Oct. 26-Nov. 3	Bucks only, still hunt only
	Nov. 22-27	Bucks only, still hunt only
	Nov. 28	Either sex, still hunt only

Nov. 29-30	Bucks only, still hunt only
Dec. 6-7	Bucks only, still hunt only
Dec. 27-31	Bucks only, still hunt only

Caney Ranger District, Webster and Claiborne parishes

Deer:	Oct. 18-24	Either sex, muzzleloader
	Oct. 25-Dec. 5	Either sex, still hunt only
	Dec. 6-Jan. 4	Either sex, still hunt only
	Jan. 5-11	Either sex, muzzleloader

**Consult pages 7 and 8 for either-sex dates in Webster and Claiborne parishes.*

All other game — same as outside.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters while hunting and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress.

Baiting is prohibited on National Forest Lands (hogs included), except by special permit issued by the U.S. Forest Service.

Moving deer or hogs with organized Drivers and Standers, Drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

NATIONAL CATAHOULA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE (Owner: Kisatchie National Forest — 36,000 acres in Grant and Winn parishes) Season Permit, additionally, daily permits required as indicated below:

Deer:	Oct. 11-12	Either-sex special youth hunt, daily permit. Also, either sex, special season for physically disabled hunters only, daily permit. Special permit must be obtained in advance from Forest Supervisor's Office.
	Oct. 18-19	Either sex, muzzleloader
	Oct. 25-26	Either sex, still hunt only, daily permit
	Nov. 28-30	Either sex, still hunt only, daily permit

All Other Game: Consult regulations pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

NATIONAL RED DIRT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE (Owner: Kisatchie National Forest — 38,000 acres in Natchitoches Parish) Season Permit, additionally, daily permits required as indicated below:

Deer:	Oct. 11-12	Either-sex special youth hunt, daily permit. Also, either sex, special season for physically disabled hunters only, daily permit. Special permit must be obtained in advance from Forest Supervisor's Office.
	Oct. 18-19	Either sex, muzzleloader
	Oct. 25-26	Either sex, still hunt only, daily permit
	Nov. 28-30	Either sex, still hunt only, daily permit

All Other Game: Consult regulations pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.
To obtain permits and information contact: Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, LA 71360. Phone: (318) 473-7160. Office Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

CORPS OF ENGINEERS — INDIAN BAYOU TRACT: Those lands acquired by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, formerly owned by the St. Landry Land and Lumber Company, comprising 15,006 acres, more or less, within T-7-S, R-6 & 7-E, St. Landry Parish.

All hunting shall be still hunting only, EXCEPT as otherwise specified:

Area closed Nov. 8-9 EXCEPT to youth and handicapped hunters.

Youth and Handicapped	Nov. 8-9, either sex. ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED.
Deer Hunt:	Self-clearing daily permit required.
Deer:	Nov. 24-26, either sex. HUNT RESTRICTED TO THOSE PERSONS SELECTED AS A RESULT OF PRE-APPLICATION LOTTERY. Application deadline is Sept. 30, 1997. Dec. 6-7, either sex. Self-clearing daily permit required. Dec. 26-Jan. 4, bucks only. Self-clearing daily permit required.
Muzzleloader:	Nov. 15-21, either sex. Self-clearing daily permit required. Jan. 26-Feb. 1, either sex. Self-clearing daily permit required.
Archery:	Same as outside.
Squirrel/Rabbit:	Same as outside, EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 26-Feb. 28. Dogs permitted for squirrels Jan. 17-26.
Waterfowl:	Same as outside, EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex gun hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.
Woodcock:	Same as outside, EXCEPT during modern firearm either-sex gun hunts for deer

PROPOSED HUNTS FOR 1997-98

CATAHOULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Species: Squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and unmarked hog
 Type Hunt: Gun (.22 rifle or shotgun w/non-toxic shot)
 Season: First day of State season through October 31
 Bag Limit: State regulations
 Permits: Season permit and daily bag report
 Significant Changes: Change to season permit

Species: Deer and unmarked hog
 Type Hunt: Archery
 Season: State season
 Bag Limit: State regulations (either-sex)
 Permits: Season permit and daily bag report
 Significant Changes: Change to season permit
 Archery hunter certification required

SMALL GAME SEASON

	1995	1996
Days Open	25	27
Visits	256	392
Hours Hunted	808	1254
Squirrels	392	693
Rabbits	13	9
Raccoons	4	3
Hogs	1	6

ARCHERY DEER SEASON

	1995	1996
Days Open	88*	123
Visits	301	552
Hours Hunted	1390	2515
Deer	7	8
(Sex)	(5D, 2B)	(6D, 2B)
Cripples	3	4
Hogs	4	7

*Season reduced by 25 days due to government shutdowns

Eric S. Spivey
 2/7/97

No. Deer	Age	Ave. wt.	# Points
1	1/2 yr	65 lbs	--
4	1 1/2 yr	115 lbs	BB, 4
2	2 1/2 yr	125 lbs	--
1	3 1/2 yr	125 lbs	--

NOTE: All ages and weights estimated by hunters on bag check cards

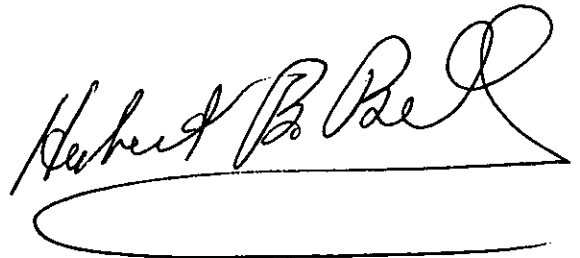
SABINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

1997-98 PROPOSED HUNTING REGULATIONS

Species: Teal (September Teal Hunt)
Type Hunt: General
Season: Mornings only on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday during State season for western zone
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: Required
Significant Changes: None

Species: Waterfowl (Ducks, Coots and Geese)
Type Hunt: General
Season: Mornings only on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday during state season for western zone
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: Required
Significant Changes: None

Species: Waterfowl (Ducks, Coots and Geese)
Type Hunt: Youth Hunt
Season: Same as State
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: Required
Significant Changes: None

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BAYOU COCODRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

1997-98 PROPOSED HUNT SCHEDULE

SPECIES:

Rabbit and Squirrel

Type Hunt:

General Gun

Season:

Oct. 4 - Nov. 14, 1997 (w/o dogs)

Jan. 17 - Jan. 31, 1998 (w or w/o dogs)

Bag Limit:

State Regulations

Permits:

General Permit

Significant Changes:

None

SPECIES:

Deer (Either sex)

Type Hunt:

Archery

Season:

Nov. 15 - Dec. 1, 1997

Dec. 6 - Jan. 16, 1998

Bag Limit:

State Regulations, Except 1 deer/day

Permits:

General Permit

Significant Changes:

None

SPECIES:

Deer (Either sex)

Type Hunt:

Muzzleloading

Season:

Dec. 2 - 5, 1997

Bag Limit:

State Regulations, Except 1 deer/day

Permits:

General Permit

Significant Changes:

None

SPECIES:

Woodcock

Type Hunt:

General Gun

Season:

Jan. 17 - Jan. 31, 1998

Bag Limit:

Federal/State Regulations

Permits:

General Permit

Significant Changes:

None

Jerome J. J. 2/7/98

**CAMERON PRAIRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
1997 HUNT SEASON**

Species:	Either-sex deer
Type hunt:	Archery
Season:	All dates of October
Bag limit:	State regulations
Permits:	Season permits required
Other requirements:	Must have proof of completion for the International Bowhunters Education Program.
Stands:	Only portable stands may be used And must be removed by October 31 of each year.
Firearms:	None are allowed
Check stations:	All deer harvested must be checked at a self-clearing check station.
Significant changes:	None

Paul J. Kysle
2-6-97

**D'ARBONNE AND UPPER OUACHITA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES
PROPOSED SEASONS, 1997-98**

Species: Waterfowl (ducks and coots)
 Type Hunt: General
 Season: Mornings only during State season
 Bag Limit: State regulations
 Permits: None required
 Significant Changes: Expanded waterfowl hunting area to entire north unit of Upper Ouachita

Species: Squirrel, rabbit, quail, woodcock, beaver, coyote and feral hog
 Type Hunt: General -- dogs allowed for squirrel and rabbit hunting after the last refuge deer gun season
 Season: State season
 Bag Limit: State regulations
 Permits: None required
 Significant Changes: None

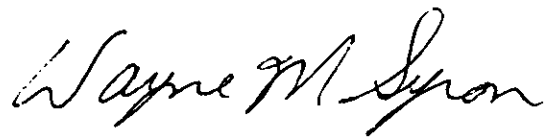
Species: Raccoon and opossum (also beaver, coyote, and feral hog)
 Type Hunt: General
 Season: January only (may also take raccoons and opossum during rabbit season)
 Bag Limit: State regulations
 Permits: None required
 Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-sex deer, beaver, coyote and feral hog
 Type Hunt: Archery
 Season: State season
 Bag Limit: State regulations
 Permits: None required
 Significant Changes: None

Bow Hunting Course Required

Species: Either-sex deer, beaver, coyote and feral hog
 Type Hunt: General (gun, archery)
 Season: Five days within the Union Parish either-sex season (November 1-2, November 28-30)
 Bag Limit: State regulations
 Permits: None required
 Significant Changes: None

Lee R. Fulton



LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 1997/98 SEASON

Migratory Game Birds

Species:	Waterfowl.
Type Hunt:	General gun.
Season:	Mornings until noon on Wednesday through Sunday during State duck seasons (including early teal) for western zone.
Bag Limit:	Same as state bag limits.
Permits:	Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.
Significant Changes:	None. However, one day youth hunt added last year will be continued if state chooses.

Hunting of geese, ducks and coots is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is permitted Wednesday through Sunday.
2. Hunting ends at noon each day.
3. Hunters may not enter the hunting area before 4 am.
4. Hunting is not permitted within 50 yards of a canal or waterway.
5. Hunters must use and be in possession only of shells containing Federally approved non-toxic shot and firearms legal for hunting waterfowl.
6. Only portable blinds are permitted. Blinds must be spaced a minimum of 150 yards apart.
7. Decoys may not be set to attract waterfowl after noon each day.
8. Decoys and blinds must be removed from the refuge by the last day of each season and each split of a split season.
9. Hunting is not permitted during the goose-only portion of the waterfowl season.
10. Motorized boats may be used only in canals and bayous. Access into the marsh and ponds is permitted by walking, poling, paddling or rowing.
11. Hunters may scout in the hunting area from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset during the week prior to each season.

**LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 1997/98 SEASON**

Big Game

Species:	Deer, either sex.
Type Hunt:	Archery.
Season:	October 1 through 31.
Bag Limit:	One deer of either sex per day.
Permits:	Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.
Significant Changes:	The newly aquired Cotoplot area will be added to the hunting area.

Hunting of white-tailed deer is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is permitted from October 1 through October 31.
2. Only archery hunting is permitted.
3. Permanent deer stands not permitted. Portable stands must be removed by October 31.
4. No person may possess or distribute bait or hunt over bait.
5. No firearms allowed.
6. Hunters may scout from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset prior to the season.
7. All boats are prohibited in Lacassine Pool and Unit A after October 15. The following boat access restrictions apply: Lacassine Pool - boats with motors of 25 hsp. or less from Oct. 1 - 15; Unit A - boats without motors from Oct. 1 - 15; Canals and Bayous outside Lacassine Pool - no limitation on motors Oct. 1 - 31; and Marshes - boats without motors Oct. 1 - 31.

TENSAS RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
1997-98 PROPOSED HUNT SEASON

<u>SPECIES:</u>	Turkey
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	To be announced later
Bag Limit:	State Regulations (except 2 turkeys per season)
Permits:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None

<u>SPECIES:</u>	Squirrel and Rabbit (No Dogs)
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Oct. 4-Dec. 12, 1997, Except closed during Youth Hunt and General Gun Hunts for Deer.
Bag Limit:	State Regulations
Permits:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None

<u>SPECIES:</u>	Squirrel and Rabbit (With or Without Dogs)
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Dec. 15, 1997 -Jan. 18, 1998
Bag Limit:	State Regulations
Permits:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None

<u>SPECIES:</u>	Raccoon
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Dec. 15, 1997-Jan. 18, 1998
Bag Limit:	No bag limit
Permits:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	Horses and mules allowed for raccoon hunting from sunset to sunrise.(significant but not a change)

<u>SPECIES:</u>	Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt:	Archery
Season:	Nov. 1, 1997-Jan. 31, 1998 (Closed during general deer Gun Hunts and Youth hunt)
Bag Limit:	State Regulations(except no firearms allowed and one deer per day)
Permits:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None


8, 9 - Nov.

<u>SPECIES:</u>	Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt:	Youth 8, 9
Season:	Nov. 15-16 , 1997
Bag Limit:	State Regulations (one deer per day)
Permits:	Season Permit on Brochure and youth hunters posses certification of completion of Hunter Safety Course.
Significant Changes:	None
<u>SPECIES:</u>	Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt:	General Gun - 1
Season:	Nov. 28-29, 1997
Bag Limit:	State Regulations (one deer per day)
Permits:	Limited Permit Hunt (Lottery)
Significant Changes:	None
<u>SPECIES:</u>	Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt:	General Gun - 2
Season:	Dec. 13-14, 1997
Bag Limit:	State Regulations (one deer per day)
Permits:	Limited Permit Hunt (Lottery)
Significant Changes:	None
<u>SPECIES:</u>	Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt:	Muzzleloader
Season:	<u>12/1 - 12/15</u>
Bag Limit:	State Regulations (one deer per day)
Permits:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None
<u>SPECIES:</u>	Waterfowl
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, until noon during state season.
Bag Limit:	State Regulations
Permits:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None
<u>SPECIES:</u>	Hogs
Type Hunt:	General Gun and Archery
Season:	<u>OPEN</u> during squirrel, rabbit, and archery season. <u>CLOSED</u> during general gun deer hunts, muzzleloader hunt, and turkey and raccoon hunts.
Bag Limit:	None
Permits:	Season Permit on Brochure

woodcock

Dec 15 - Jan. 31, 1997

Significant Changes:

None

George Chanh

**Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge Complex
Proposed Refuge Hunts for 1997-98**

Species: Squirrel, rabbit, raccoon
Type Hunt: General gun, non-toxic shot
Season: October 4-31, 1997
Bag Limit: State regulations (no dogs)
Permits: General permit, hunter bag report required
Significant Changes: None

Species: Deer
Type Hunt: Archery (either sex)
Season: November 1, 1997 - January 31, 1998
(Closed during refuge muzzleloader, waterfowl, youth hunts)
Bag Limit: State regulations, one deer/day
Permits: General permit, hunter bag report required
Bowhunter education required
Significant Changes: Longer season

Species: Deer
Type Hunt: Muzzleloader
Season: *Elms** ~~Ducks only~~ - December 13-14, 1997
Either-sex - December 15-19, 1997
Bag Limit: State regulations, one deer/day
Permits: General permit, mandatory check station
Significant Changes: None

Species: Deer
Type Hunt: Youth (<16 years), shotgun only, either-sex
Season: December 6-7, 1997
Bag Limit: State regulations, one deer/day
Permits: General permit. Hunter safety course certification required
Significant Changes: Discontinued lottery, expanded hunt area

Species: Waterfowl (ducks and coots)
Type Hunt: General gun
Season: Dec 20, 1997 - end of State second split.
Hunt open until 12:00 noon, Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday
Bag Limit: State regulations
Permits: General permit, hunter bag report required
Significant Changes: None

*Entire
2nd Split:
Except
Closed Aug
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Don A. Smith

Proposed Hunt Dates: Bogue Chitto NWR (Louisiana) 1997-1998

Deer: Archery--October 1-31 and January 3-18 (either sex)
 General Gun Hunt--November 22-27 (bucks only)
 November 28 (either sex)-29
 November ~~28~~-30 (bucks only)
 December 13-21 (bucks only)

Squirrel & Rabbit: October 4-January 18 (no dogs)

Squirrel: January 19-~~28~~ (with dogs) Feb. 8

Rabbit & Raccoon: January 19-February 28 (with dogs)

Turkey: State Season (gobblers only)

Waterfowl: State Season until noon.

Howard Porter

Proposed Hunt Dates: Big Branch Marsh NWR 1997-1998

Deer: Archery--State season

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck season, includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Hogs: May be taken during all refuge hunts.

Proposed Hunt Dates: Delta NWR 1997-1998

Deer: Archery--October 1-31 (either sex)

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck seasons, includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Rabbit: From the day after the state duck season closes through February 28.

Hogs: May be taken during the deer archery hunt.

Howard Portman

State of Louisiana



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Post Office Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000
(504)765-2800
4 February 1997

M.J. "Mike" Foster
Governor

MEMO

TO: Dave Moreland, Deer Study Leader
FROM: James C. Davis, Dist. 7 Game Biologist
RE: Avondale Scout Reservation Youth Hunt

Please consider asking the Commission to allow scheduling of the Camp Avondale Scout Reservation Youth Hunt for:

November 1-2, 1997 and
November 8-9-10, 1997.

Due to a heavy scheduling of other Scouting activities a prolonged hunting season is not possible. It is necessary to schedule a brief hunt during the peak of the rut in order to take the number of deer necessary to control the herd.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any problems please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James C. Davis".

James C. Davis

State of Louisiana



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Post Office Box 915
Minden, LA 71055-0915
(318)371-3050

M.J. "Mike" Foster
Governor

TO: Dave Morrison, Wildlife Division Programs Manager
FROM: Steve John Hebert, Wildlife Division District I Supervisor
DATE: February 3, 1997
TOPIC: Hunting Seasons for LAAP and Barksdale AFB

Due to an oversight on my part the recommended seasons for the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant and Barksdale Air Force Base were left off my season recommendations for 1997-1998. Please accept my apologies for the error.

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE

Bossier City, Bossier Parish, Louisiana

Deer: Same as Area 2 season, ALL EITHER SEX. Hunting as permitted by Air Force Base Commander.

Small Game: Same as outside. Hunting as permitted by Air Force Base Commander.

LOUISIANA ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT

Webster Parish, Louisiana

Deer: Same as Area 2 season, ALL EITHER SEX. Hunting as permitted by Army.

Small Game: Same as outside. Hunting as permitted by Army.

Bayou Colewa WMA

Doves: Same as outside

Quail and Woodcock: Same as outside

Rabbit and Squirrel: Same as outside

No vehicles allowed, including ATVs

HUTCHINSON CREEK WMA
PROPOSED REGULATIONS 1996/97

Small Game and Turkey: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunting only for rabbits.

Deer: Archery only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31

State of Louisiana



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Governor

February 27, 1997

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Dave Morrison

FROM: John B. Robinette, Dist. V Wildlife Supervisor *JBR*

SUBJECT: Hunting Seasons on Wal-Nut Hill and Marsh Bayou WMA's

Hunting Season's on Wal-Nut Hill and Marsh Bayou WMA's for 1997-98 will run concurrent with statewide hunting seasons in their portion of the state.

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March 6, 1997

Date

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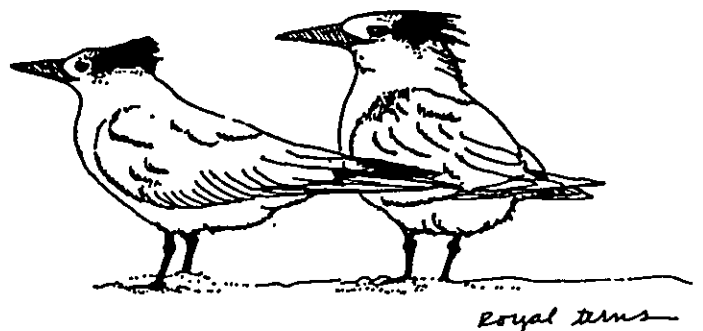
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♦ With its huge areas of marsh, swamps, rivers, lakes and bays, Louisiana is a haven for egrets, herons, ibis, gulls, terns and other water birds. Exploitation of these birds for feathers around 1900 caused severe population declines, and some species nearly disappeared from the state. Through passage of state and federal laws prohibiting the take of these birds, and through establishment of refuges for these birds at places like Rockefeller Refuge, Avery Island and Breton National Wildlife Refuge, these animals were spared the fate of the passenger pigeon and great auk. Today, Louisiana hosts hundreds of thousands of breeding colonial water birds. Even though the trade in wild bird feathers has ended, other threats remain for these birds. To ascertain numbers and locations of breeding colonies, state biologists need to conduct regular aerial surveys. TEAMING WITH WILDLIFE dollars would pay for water bird breeding colony surveys and data analysis.

♦ Ecotourism is a prosperous and growing industry in Louisiana. TEAMING WITH WILDLIFE resources would be used to develop and sign statewide driving trails, which, in cooperation with the Tourist Commission and the Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism will publicize areas of the state best for viewing wildlife and natural elements of diversity.

♦ Louisiana residents have a tremendous interest in attracting desirable wildlife to their surroundings. They also periodically require assistance in dealing with nuisance wildlife around their homes. Currently, there are only two biologists in the state that deal with nongame wildlife issue, and both are stationed in Baton Rouge. TEAMING WITH WILDLIFE dollars would fund additional nongame and urban biologist positions in other parts of the state.

♦ The cheniers of coastal Louisiana are a unique resource. These "islands" of high ground in the marsh, festooned





with live oaks and hackberry trees are very scenic. They are also tremendously important to all types of migratory birds and other animals, who use these wooded strips of land in the wetlands for resting and feeding. Unfortunately, only a fraction of the state's coastal cheniers have

any type of long-term protection. TEAMING WITH WILDLIFE funds would be used to acquire additional sensitive coastal areas and expand existing ones.

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communities in Louisiana, including Louisiana black bear, brown pelican, big brown bat, roseate spoonbill, ornate box turtle and purple coneflower.

♦ Louisiana forests, marshes, prairies and other communities of plants are extremely diverse. TEAMING WITH WILDLIFE funds would pay for publication of *The Natural Communities of Louisiana*, a book describing the state's natural vegetation and its distribution.

♦ Louisiana citizens who enjoy viewing and photographing wildlife often visit state wildlife management areas and refuges. Wildlife watchers from outside the state also flock to these areas. But out of the more than forty such areas, only one or two have official checklists for observers to record their sightings. TEAMING WITH WILDLIFE monies would be used to develop and print checklists of birds, amphibians and reptiles, wildflowers, etc., for state WMA's, refuges, and parks.



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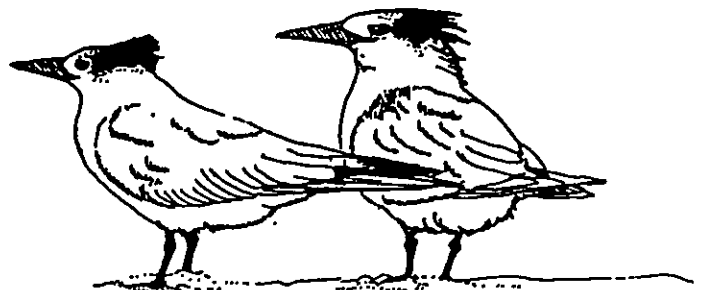
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♦ With its huge areas of marsh, swamps, rivers, lakes and bays, Louisiana is a haven for egrets, herons, ibis, gulls, terns and other water birds. Exploitation of these birds for feathers around 1900 caused severe population declines, and some species nearly disappeared from the state. Through passage of state and federal laws prohibiting the take of these birds, and through establishment of refuges for these birds at places like Rockefeller Refuge, Avery Island and Breton National Wildlife Refuge, these animals were spared the fate of the passenger pigeon and great auk. Today, Louisiana hosts hundreds of thousands of breeding colonial water birds. Even though the trade in wild bird feathers has ended, other threats remain for these birds. To ascertain numbers and locations of breeding colonies, state biologists need to conduct regular aerial surveys. TEAMING WITH WILDLIFE dollars would pay for water bird breeding colony surveys and data analysis.

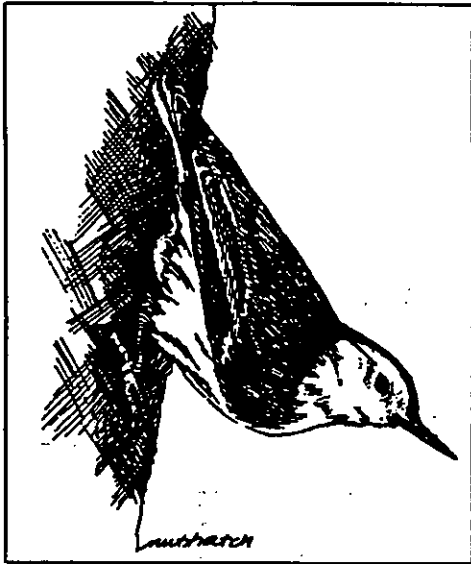
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♦ The cheniers of coastal Louisiana are a unique resource. These "islands" of high ground in the marsh, festooned



Royal Arms



with live oaks and hackberry trees are very scenic. They are also tremendously important to all types of migratory birds and other animals, who use these wooded strips of land in the wetlands for resting and feeding. Unfortunately, only a fraction of the state's coastal cheniers have

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♦ Louisiana citizens who enjoy viewing and photographing wildlife often visit state wildlife management areas and refuges. Wildlife watchers from outside the state also flock to these areas. But out of the more than forty such areas, only one or two have official checklists for observers to record their sightings. TEAMING WITH WILDLIFE monies would be used to develop and print checklists of birds, amphibians and reptiles, wildflowers, etc., for state WMA's, refuges, and parks.



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RESOLUTION

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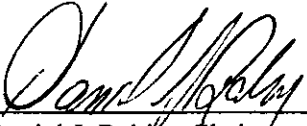
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Daniel J. Babin, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
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HYDRILLA IN LOUISIANA

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In Louisiana, hydrilla was first identified at Spanish Lake in New Iberia and Sibley Lake in Natchitoches in 1973. Concerted efforts by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries were successful in eradicating hydrilla from both locations. In the early 1980s, hydrilla reappeared and is now established in numerous waterbodies throughout the State.

The most unique characteristic of hydrilla is its growth habit. Capable of growing up to three inches per day, it out competes native vegetation for available nutrients and has been observed growing in depths up to eighteen feet in Toledo Bend Reservoir. It also thrives in a wide variety of environmental conditions. Once naturalized, hydrilla becomes the dominant plant thereby displacing most all preferred native vegetation.

Although rooted to the bottom, hydrilla fragments survive in a free-floating state and can sprout new plants. Consequently, small amounts of hydrilla can very easily spread from one location to another. Hydrilla also produces specialized vegetative reproductive structures called turions and tubers. Turions are dormant buds which are located in the leaf axils and tubers are underground structures located at the end of rhizomes. Both withstand herbicide applications and a wide variety of adverse environmental conditions, including ice cover.

Established hydrilla infestations are practically impossible to eradicate. To do nothing with the rapidly expanding hydrilla infestation will result in economic and ecological disaster for the state of Louisiana. Available management options will have to be considered to control established hydrilla infestations. These include: use of herbicides, biological agents, water-level manipulation, and mechanical harvesters.

Recommendations include the following: establish a submersed aquatic vegetation control program within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to address the problem statewide on a priority-use basis; amend the current state statute and prohibit the interstate and intrastate movement of all designated noxious aquatic plants; educate the public as to the danger and damage introductions of all exotic species can have on our extensive and invaluable water resources.

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The following is a condensation of remarks presented to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission January 9, 1997

by Richard Brassette, Supervisor, Aquatic Plant Research and Control Section, Inland Fisheries Division.

Hydrilla in Louisiana

The water hyacinth is the major pest plant to which Department control efforts have been directed since the inception of an aquatic weed control program in Louisiana. Aquatic managers are now at a crossroad in facing yet another threat to Louisiana's aquatic ecosystems and their management, *Hydrilla verticillata*, an introduced, exotic aquatic plant. *Hydrilla* is native to the warmer regions of the Old World. A cosmopolitan species, it is found to occur in Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands, Africa and North and South America.

It is a submersed aquatic species which was first found growing in the United States in southern Florida in 1960. This introduction was made by the aquarium industry, interested in the plant as a sales item. Nearly forty years after its introduction, hydrilla infestations in the United States continue to expand. It is presently found in all the Gulf and Atlantic coast states as far north as Maryland and Delaware and also in Tennessee, Arizona, California, and Washington. *Hydrilla* causes serious problems resulting in major detrimental impacts on water resources in the United States. In many areas hydrilla has been found to clog drainage and irrigation canals, prevent boating access for fishing and other water-related recreation, impede commercial navigation, replace more desirable native plants, degrade water quality and decrease property values.

In Louisiana, hydrilla was first identified at Spanish Lake, Iberia Parish, in July 1973. In August 1973, it was also identified in Sibley Lake, near the city of Natchitoches. Subsequent to these discoveries, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries immediately established an eradication policy and through intense efforts spanning several years, was successful in eradicating hydrilla from both locations. Since 1973, however, it has reappeared and become established in numerous waterbodies throughout the State. Following its initial discovery, it was found in Toledo Bend Reservoir, Grassy Lake (St. Martin Parish) and 3 south Louisiana marsh lakes; Theriot, Boeuf, and Penchant. Since then, hydrilla has continued to spread to many other waterbodies throughout Louisiana, including Bayou Lafourche and the Atchafalaya Basin.

In 1989 field surveys, hydrilla was found in Caney Lake, located near Jonesboro, and Lake Rodemacher (Cleco), near Alexandria. In an almost methodical fashion, new infestations have recently been documented in the following waterbodies: Black Lake (Natchitoches), Bundicks Lake, False River, Half-Moon Bayou (St. Landry Parish), Lake Kincaid, Lake Martin, Miller's Lake, Saline-Larto Complex, Spanish Lake (New Iberia), Cotile Lake, Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area, Henderson Lake, Lake Bistineau, Smithport Lake (Caddo Parish), Spanish Lake (Iberville Parish); Chicot Lake, Flag Lake (Barksdale AFB), Iatt Lake, and Smith Bay (Grassy Lake WMA). Due to the vast expanse of suitable habitat statewide and recent trends

in discovering new infestations, it is highly probable that numerous, yet undiscovered, infestations exist or soon will.

One of the early mysteries concerning hydrilla was how it could become established and then displace native aquatic plants. Research has answered many of those questions. A unique and very competitive characteristic of hydrilla is its growth habit. Hydrilla grows very rapidly, reportedly from one to three inches per day. It produces very dense branches in the upper 2-3 feet of water which allow it to intercept up to 95% of the sunlight in the top one foot of the water column, thereby shading out other aquatic plants. Hydrilla also makes efficient use of other resources available to it. The tissue of a hydrilla plant is mostly water, from 95% to as much as 99%. Consequently, it can produce a large quantity of fresh plant material from a limited supply of the essential plant nutrients carbon, nitrogen and phosphorus. It is also a luxury consumer of phosphorus, meaning that it can continue to absorb and store the nutrient beyond its need for growth, thereby competing directly with phytoplankton, which is the basis for the food chain in aquatic systems.

Hydrilla also has complex physiological adaptations. For example, adaptations which allow hydrilla to utilize lower light levels for photosynthesis mean that hydrilla can begin to photosynthesize earlier in the morning, thus out competing other aquatic plants for limited dissolved carbon in the water. It can also absorb carbon from the water at lower concentrations than other aquatic plants. Its low light requirement (1% or less of full sunlight) also allows hydrilla to colonize in deeper water. It has been found growing in depths up to 18' in Toledo Bend, 23' in Lake Conroe, and 50' near Crystal River, Florida. It thrives in a variety of water conditions: clear to muddy, acid to alkaline (grows best at a pH range of 6 - 8), fertile (eutrophic) to infertile (oligotrophic). Hydrilla can also tolerate salinities up to 10 parts per thousand. Once established, hydrilla becomes the dominant plant thereby displacing most all native vegetation. This results in a mono-typic culture and a loss of native biodiversity and those organisms dependent on that diversity.

Hydrilla is generally rooted to the bottom, although fragments break loose and are capable of surviving in a free-floating state. It has been documented that almost 50% of hydrilla fragments having a single whorl (a circular arrangement of leaves around the stem) can sprout a new plant. Larger fragments have an even greater ability to regrow. This means that small amounts of hydrilla on boat trailers, in bait buckets, ice chests or live wells, or dumped from an aquarium can very easily spread the plant from one location to another. Stem branching is usually sparse until the plant approaches the water's surface, then branching can become profuse. Hydrilla also produces many horizontal above ground stems (stolons) and underground stems (rhizomes). Its leaves are 1/8 to 1/4 of an inch wide, 1/3 to 2/3 of an inch long, and occur in whorls of 3-8. The leaves have numerous small, sharp teeth along the margins. The underside of the leaf midrib has either spines or glands giving the plant its rough texture.

In addition to previously mentioned methods of reproduction, hydrilla also produces specialized vegetative reproductive structures called turions and tubers. Turions are compact, dormant buds located in the leaf axils which detach and allow the plants to survive the winter. These structures are approximately 3/16 to 5/16 of an inch long, dark green in color, with a spiny appearance. Tubers are fleshy reproductive structures located on the ends of rhizomes, which are underground stems and can be found up to 12 inches deep in the sediment. They are 3/16 - 7/16

of an inch long and are usually light colored. Tubers and turions can withstand extremely adverse conditions such as cold water temperatures (including ice cover), drying, ingestion and regurgitation by waterfowl, and herbicide applications. One single plant has been shown to have produced more than 5,000 new tubers per square meter (465/sq. ft). They can remain viable for several days out of water and for indefinite periods in damp soil.

Control Methods

Once established, eradication of hydrilla is practically impossible. It's adaptability to widely varying environmental conditions, it's explosive growth rate and it's ability to reproduce in several ways throughout it's life cycle are all factors that allow it to out-compete more desirable plants. These factors also make it extremely difficult to control. Individual options, including advantages and disadvantages of each are as follows:

-Herbicides: There are four EPA registered herbicides presently available that will successfully control hydrilla. These include copper, diquat, endothall, and fluridone. Copper is used mainly in combination with diquat or endothall. These products are expensive and some may require repeated treatments. Depending on water depth, cost per acre could range from \$350 - \$600. There are circumstances where herbicides cannot be used at all due to label restrictions for domestic water intakes or diffusion in rapidly moving water. Tubers and turions are not affected by these herbicides.

-Mechanical Control: Commercial aquatic weed harvesters are available that can temporarily remove hydrilla from a waterbody. They are expensive to purchase, maintain, and operate and hydrilla's rapid growth rate would require multiple harvests. They are considered ineffective in that they are only capable of removing approximately 3 acres of vegetation per day at a cost of up to \$1500 per acre.

-Biological Control: An effective biological agent can be the most cost effective method of hydrilla control. Sterile triploid grass carp are the most effective biological agent currently used in achieving control. Although hydrilla is it's preferred food, these "nonspecific" herbivores will consume other types of submersed and some emergent aquatic vegetation. Other biological control agents such as insects and plant pathogens are still being researched and are not available for general use.

-Water Level Manipulation: Lake drawdowns, or the artificial lowering of water levels, have also been utilized for hydrilla control. Their use is limited to waterbodies that have adequate control structures and hydrologic characteristics to adequately control water levels and where lowered water levels will not interfere with other primary water uses such as domestic or irrigation supplies, navigation, or hydroelectric power production. This method has been successful for controlling various other aquatic plant species but provides only limited control of hydrilla. Lakes currently undergoing drawdown procedures in Louisiana for hydrilla control include Lake Bistineau, Chicot Lake, Henderson Lake, and Spring Bayou (Avoyelles Parish). Iatt Lake is scheduled to be drawn down in 1997 for hydrilla control.

Due to the vast acreage of aquatic habitat in Louisiana, it is difficult to accurately estimate the number of acres of hydrilla currently infesting state waters. Statewide aerial surveys

conducted by Aquatic Plant Research and Control Section technical staff in May and June 1996 indicated a very conservative estimate of approximately 30,000 acres . Factors hampering these visual observations include hydrilla growth patterns, high water conditions, water turbidity, and tree canopies in many areas of the state, especially within the Atchafalaya Basin. Due to these impairments, our vast areas of aquatic habitat, and significant increases in public complaints, it is speculated that the infestation could be more than twice the reported estimates. Each day the problem increases as hydrilla continues to spread throughout the state. As has been the case in other states, Louisiana will never be able to completely eradicate hydrilla. Consequently, the only remaining option will be to learn how to manage it within our capabilities. Based on the biology and field experiences with hydrilla infestations in the southeastern United States, to do nothing with the rapidly developing hydrilla infestation will ultimately result in an economic as well as an ecological disaster to the state of Louisiana. Furthermore, unless appropriate action is taken to adequately address the problem we are facing, hydrilla will continue its relentless encroachment upon the aquatic resources of our state.

Recommendations

At this time the Department has no funded submersed vegetation control program. To establish and maintain such a program would require a continuous appropriation of significant additional funding. If the Department were to engage in such a program, it is recommended the problem be addressed statewide on a priority-use basis rather than selectively treating certain lakes.

Hydrilla is one of several invasive exotic plants presently designated noxious and it's importation is prohibited by state and federal statutes. The state statute should be amended to include the prohibition of both interstate and intrastate movement of these plants. Legislation to accomplish this is scheduled for introduction during the 1997 legislative session.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to amend a Rule (Title 76:VII.335.A) modifying recreational creel limits for reef fish, which is part of the existing rule for daily take, possession, and size limits for reef fishes set by the Commission. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1 and 56:326.3.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§335. Daily Take, Possession and Size Limits Set by Commission, Reef Fish

A. The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the following rules and regulations regarding the harvest of triggerfishes, amberjacks, grunts, wrasses, snappers, groupers, sea basses, tilefishes, and porgies within and without Louisiana's territorial waters:

Species

Recreational Bag Limits

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| 4. Greater amberjack | 1 fish per person per day |
| 5. Gray triggerfish, queen | 20 fish per person per day (in |
| triggerfish, lesser | aggregate) |
| amberjack, almaco jack, | |

banded rudderfish, tomtate,
white grunt, hogfish, lane snapper,
vermilion snapper, goldface tilefish,
blackline tilefish, anchor tilefish,
blueline tilefish, tilefish, bank sea
bass, rock sea bass, black sea bass,
dwarf sand perch, sand perch, grass
porgy, jolthead porgy, knobbed porgy,
littlehead porgy, red porgy

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S.
56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1 and 326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 16:539 (June
1990), amended LR 19:1442 (November 1993), LR 20:797 (July 1994),
LR 21:1267 (November 1995), LR 22:860 (September 1996), LR 23: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is
authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the
Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and
the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the
fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the notice of
intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and
correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the
proposed rule to Mr. Harry Blanchet, Marine Fisheries Division,

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA
70898-9000 prior to Friday, May 2, 1997.

Daniel J. Babin

Chairman

Proceedings

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**ROUGH FACTS & FIGURES, PROS & CONS
CONCERNING ELECTRONIC ISSUANCE OF RECREATIONAL LICENSES
POINT OF SALES (POS)**

FEATURE	LA. 1996
NUMBER OF LICENSES SOLD..... (21 TYPES OF LICENSES)	1,606,900
LICENSE REVENUE	\$10,814,245
SHERIFFS COMMISSION (15%).....	\$1,686,831.
NUMBER OF SALES AGENTS	2,500
AGENTS COMMISSION	50 CENTS/LICENSE

ADVANTAGES FOR DEPARTMENT/STATE:

- DATABASE INSTANTLY UPDATED (FED REQUIRED HARVEST INFO IN '98)
- POSSIBLE FEDERAL FUNDING
- ENFORCEMENT ADVANTAGES
- QUICKER RECEIPT OF REVENUES ...7 DAYS VS 60 DAYS
- POSSIBLE INTERAGENCY USE OF DATABASE
- LOWER OPERATING EXPENSES...E.G. PRINTING, POSTAGE, SHIPPING,
WAREHOUSING

ADVANTAGES FOR SALES AGENTS:

- NO NEED FOR INVENTORY SPACE
- ALL 21 LICENSE TYPES AVAILABLE
- NEVER RUN OUT OF STOCK
- NO UP-FRONT CASH TIED UP WITH PURCHASE OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS
- LITTLE OR NO TIME SPENT ON AUDITS
- LESS TIME TO ISSUE LICENSE (1-2 MINUTES, NOW APX. 5-10 MINUTES)
- EASIER RENEWALS FOR LOST LICENSES

**COMPARISON RE: ELECTRONIC ISSUANCE
OF HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES**

PRESENT SYSTEM	ITEM	AUTOMATED SPORTSMANS DATA SYSTEM (ASDS) (depending on contract)
Apx. 20 pre-printed forms.	License Forms	Each license printed at point of sale (POS).
Picked up, paid for and stored by retail agent until issued.	Inventory	Automatically issued at POS, no transportation, no storage, not pre-purchased by sales agents.
Complete name, address, personal data, driver lic. #, DOB, etc.	Applicant Identification	Needs entry of only one ASDS identification #, e.g. S.S.#, or Driver lic. #, etc.
Apx. 5 minutes.	Transaction Time for agent to sell a license	Apx. 1 minute.
Agent purchases from sheriff, manual reporting, periodic balancing of inventory / audits	Financial accountability	Automatic weekly electronic funds transfers (EFT) and sales reporting.
Financial and inventory between sheriff & agent.	Monthly Reporting	None.
Sheriff reconciles with LDWF	Annual Reporting	None.
Can sell only from inventory.	License Availability	An agent can sell any license.
None.	Information available on database	Available within 24 hours.
Replacement very cumbersome.	Lost License Replacement	Instant replacement at any agent, 24 hours a day.
Cumbersome, time consuming.	In-field / Remote subject identification	Instantaneous electronic identification

State Automated Sportman's Data Systems

Feature	Idaho	Kentucky	Oregon
Date Started	December 1995	December 1995	April 1994
Contractor	GTech	Digital	GTech
Type Contract	Dev, Oprtns & Maint	Development	Dev, Oprtn & Maint
Length of Contract	5 yrs	To develop system	1 yr
Cost of Contract	\$4,750,000	\$2,116,000	\$250,000
Annual License Sales	1.2 million	1.1 million	2 million
Annual License Revenue	\$24 million	\$17 million	\$28 million
Number License Agents	460	1,100	250 on POS & 780 on old system
Cost to Agent	Phone line installation +7.5/wk line charge	\$300, refundable after 2 yrs	\$0 (some pay line fee)
Agents Commission	\$0.75/license	\$0.25/license	\$0.50 POS agents & \$1.00 old system agents
Type POS Terminal	GTech Spectra	VeriFone	GTech
Type POS Printer	GTech	VeriFone	GTech
Additional Equipment	Video Monitor	None	None
Type License Stock	60 lb.	Tyvek	Regular Paper
Online or Batch System	Online	Batch	Online
EFT Frequency	Each Wednesday	Every 7 or 14 days	Every 7 days
Contractor Transaction Fee	\$0.65/license	N/A	\$0.50/license

State Automated Sportman's Data Systems

Feature	Texas	Michigan	Missouri	North Carolina
Date Started	December 1995	March 1995	February 1995	January 1996
Contractor	Transactive	EDS	Missouri Central Bank/Envoy	EDS
Type Contract	Dev, Oprtns & Maint	Dev, Oprtns & Maint	Dev, Oprtns & Maint	Dev, Oprtns & Maint
Length of Contract	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs
Cost of Contract	\$3.36 million/yr	\$10,000,000	\$5,800,000	\$10,000,000
Annual License Sales	3.5 million	4 million	2.7 million	800,000
Annual License Revenue	\$52 million	\$42 million	\$20 million	\$15,000,000
Number License Agents	3,000	1,800	1,500	1,200
Cost to Agent	Only for phone line if agent wants it dedicated	\$200 old agents & \$400 new agents	\$250 old agents & \$550 new agents	\$0 old agents & \$500 new agents
Agents Commission	5%	7.5% old agents & 5% new agents	5%	6%
Type POS Terminal	VeriFone	VeriFone	VeriFone	VeriFone
Type POS Printer	VeriFone	VeriFone	VeriFone	VeriFone
Additional Equipment	Full keyboard	Eltron-second printer	None	Eltron - second printer
Type License Stock	Regular paper w/ seal watermark	Valeron vinyl	Rite-As-Rain	Valeron
Online or Batch System	Online	Batch	Online	Online
EFT Frequency	Every 7 days	Every 7 days	7 or 14 days	Every 7 days
Contractor Transaction Fee	\$0.96/license	N/A	\$0.14/license	N/A

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

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REGION 1

TOTAL CASES-63

WMA&REFUGES-3

19-Boating

9-Angling W/O A License

1-Angling W/O A Non-Resident License

21-Fishing W/O Resident Pole License

1-Sell Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License

1-Hunting W/O Non-Resident License

4-Hunting From A Moving Vehicle

4-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours

1-Possession Buckshot During Closed Deer Season

1-Failure To Comply With Hunter Safety Regs.

1-Sell F.B.A. Or Parts W/O Resident License

CONFISCATIONS:

2 weapons, 1 spotlight.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1:

19-Boating

1-Misc.

31-Sport Fishing

1-Commercial Fishing

11-Hunting

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REGION 2

TOTAL CASES-54

WMA&REFUGES-9

9-Boating

4-Sell Fish W/O Wholesale/Dealer License

9-Angling W/O A License

2-Angling W/O A Non-Resident License

1-Fish W/O A Resident Pole License

1-Use Recreational Gear W/O License

3-Hunting W/O Resident License

1-Hunting W/O Non-Resident License

2-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours

2-Hunt From Moving Vehicle

1-Possess F.B.A. W/O A License

2-DWI

6-Other

1-Criminal Damage State Property

6-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

4-Littering

CONFISCATIONS:

100 yards of gill net, 1 rifle, 1 Q-Beam, 2 rabbits, 1 resident fish and hunting license

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REGION 2 CONT'D.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2:

9-Boating

10-Public Assistance

4-Commercial Fishing

13-Sport Fishing

9-Hunting

15-Other

4-Littering

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REGION 3

TOTAL CASES-74

WMA&REFUGES-0

9-Boating

32-Angling W/O License In Possession

3-Angle W/O Non-Resident License

1-Use Recreational Gear W/O Gear License

1-Take/Possess Undersize Commercial License

5-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours

5-Hunt From Moving Vehicle

2-Hunt Raccoons Illegally

2-Failure To Abide By Comm. Rules & Regulations

2-Hunt Ducks Illegal Weapon

12-Other

CONFISCATIONS:

50 undersize catfish, 1 rabbit, 1 mallard duck, 2 basic fishing licenses, 4 weapons, 1 spotlight, 1 bag marijuana.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:

9-Boating

12-Other

1-Commercial Fishing

14-Hunting

38-Sport Fishing

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REGION 4

TOTAL CASES-68

WMA&REFUGES-12

7-Boating

8-Angling W/O A License

2-Angling W/O Non-Resident License

7-Fishing W/O Resident Pole License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

3-Take Or Possess Game Fish Illegally

4-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License

3-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

1-Take Fish Illegally

1-Use Lead Nets In Other Than Overflow Region

2-Use Illegal Length Mesh Nets

2-Hunt With A Resident License

2-Hunting From A Moving Vehicle

3-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours

3-Hunt From A Public Road

14-Hunt Raccoons Illegally

1-Field Possession Of Freshly Killed MGB Closed Season

1-Take Or Possess Of Other Non-Game Birds

4-Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA

1-Criminal Damage Of State Property

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REGION 4 CONT'D..

CONFISCATIONS:

2 ducks, 1 rabbit, 7 raccoons, 134 crappie, 10 gar, 32 catfish, 6 weapons, 3 spotlights, 1 boat, motor, and trailer, 400 yards of 2 inch gill net, 2 hoop nets with leads.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:

7-Boating

32-Fishing

24-Hunting

2-Federal

5-Other

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REGION 5

TOTAL CASES-68

WMA&REFUGES-1

12-Boating

2-Allow Another To Use Recreational License

18-Angling W/O A License

2-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

1-Failure To Have Commercial License

4-Take Commercial Fish W/O A Commercial Gear License

1-Sell And Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealers License

4-Failure To Maintain Records

1-Transport W/O Required License

3-Illegal Shipping Of Commercial Fish

2-Hunting W/O A Resident License

2-Hunting Squirrel Closed Season

4-Possess Squirrels Closed Season

2-Taking Or Possess Alligators Closed Season

2-Wanton Waste Of MGB

2-Possession Overlimit Of Geese

5-Taking Robins/No Season

1-Discharge Firearm From Public Road

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REGION 5 CONT'D.

CONFISCATIONS:

19 robins, 4 rabbits, 41 geese, 6 squirrels, 2 black bass, 5,800 lbs. Of red snapper, 125 lbs. Of b-liners, 16 lbs. Of trigger fish, 33 lbs. Of warsaw grouper, 32 lbs. Of black grouper, 30 lbs. Of amberjack, 111 lbs.of cobia, 3 weapons, 25 lbs. Of blue catfish, 1-9 foot alligator, monies collected \$11,542.20.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:

12-Boating

36-Fishing

20-Hunting

REGION 6

TOTAL CASES-96

WMA&REFUGES-7

33-Boating

22-Angling W/O A License

1-Angling W/O Non-Resident License

2-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

2-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

2-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License

3-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

1-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealers License

1-Use Illegal Mesh Nets

1-Hunting W/O Resident License

4-Hunt From Moving Vehicle

4-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours Or With Artificial Light

4-Hunt From Levee Road

1-Use Firearm With Illegal Electronic Device

2-Failure To Wear Hunters Orange

2-Hunt Raccoons Illegally

1-Hunt Turkey Closed Season

1-Littering

1-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On State Land

REGION 6 CONT'D.

2-Taking Or Possession Other Non-Game Birds

6-Closed Season Red Snapper

CONFISCATIONS:

2 rifles, 4 rabbits, 1 pocket knife, 2 skinned bird breast, 1 skinned bird carcass, 1 whole bird, 3 black bass, 4 gill nets, 12 garfish, 5 bowfin, 4 gallon bucket of crawfish, 2,046 lbs. Of red snapper, 1 lb. Of Lane snapper, 1 check in the amount of \$4,094.00, 12 ziplock bags of cleaned crabs.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:

33-Boating

25-Sport Fishing

9-Commercial Fishing

19-Hunting

1-Littering

1-WMA

8-Federal

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REGION 7

TOTAL CASES-107

WMA&REFUGES-8

12-Boating

27-Fishing W/O Basic Resident License

21-Fishing W/O Pole License

1-Take Game Fish Illegally

1-No Commercial License In Possession

7-No Wholesale/Retail Dealers License

5-Failure To Maintain Records

3-Transport W/O Required License

3-Illegal Shipping Of Commercial Fish

1-Failure To Report Commercial Data

2-Failure To Retain Oyster Tags For 60 Days

1-Tagging Oyster Containers

1-Possess Untagged Oysters

1-Hunt W/O Resident License

1-Hunt W/O Non-Resident License

1-Illegal Night Hunting

1-Possess Buckshot During Closed Deer Season

4-Take Deer During Closed Season

3-Possess Illegal Taken Deer

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REGION 7 CONT'D.

2-Take Herons-No Season

1-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

8-Littering

CONFISCATIONS:

1 button buck, 2 doe deer, 1 rabbit, 4 sacks of oysters, 12 ½ sacks of oysters, 150 lbs. Of red snapper, 3 weapons.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:

12-Boating

8-Littering

24-Commercial Fishing

49-Sport Fishing

12-Hunting

2-MGB

REGION 8

TOTAL CASES-201

WMA&REFUGES-39

38-Boating

52-Angling W/O A License

7-Angling W/O Non-Resident License

1-Fish W/O A Resident Pole License

2-Angling W/O A Saltwater License

5-Take/Possess Undersize Red Drum

7-Take/Possess Undersize Black Drum

2-Take/Possess Over The Limit Of Black Drum

3-Not Abiding By Commission Rules For Finfish

2-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

2-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License

3-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

3-Take/Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

2-Sell/Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealers License

1-Transport W/O Required License

4-Take Commercial Fish With Non-Approved Devices

6-Leave Nets Unattended

2-Take Saltwater Commercial Illegal Hours

4-Take Commercial Fish With Pompano Strike Net In Excess Of 1200 feet

1-Fail To Have Pompano Net Tagged When Taking Restricted Species

REGION 8 CONT'D.

2-Operate W/O Restricted Species Permit

1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License

1-Allow Another To Use Commercial Vessel And Vessel License

1-Take Spotted Sea Trout W/O Permit

1-Fail To Report Commercial Fish Data

2-Take Oysters From Unapproved Area

1-Fail To Hold Oyster Tags For Sixty Days

1-Possession Of Untagged Oysters

3-Hunt W/O Resident License

5-Hunt From Moving vehicle

2-Hunt With Unplugged Gun

6-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours

1-Hunt From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way

1-Take Rabbits Illegal Methods

1-Hunt Squirrel Closed Season

2-Hunt Raccoons Illegally

4-Possess Fur Bearing Animals W/O A License

1-Trap Or Sell Fur Bearing Animals W/O A License

7-Take Non-Game Quadrupeds Illegally

2-Hunt MGB With Unplugged Gun

1-Take Herons-No Season

REGION 8 CONT'D.

8-Other

CONFISCATIONS:

2 speckled trout, 540 lbs. Of black drum, 1,250 lbs. Of sheephead, 1,506 lbs. Of red snapper, 189 lbs. Of white snapper, 228 lbs. Of white trout, 40 lbs. Of croaker, 30 lbs. Of grouper, 2 gallons of shucked oysters, 135 nutria, 2 blue heron, 3 rifles, 2 boats, 2,752 feet of gill net, 10 rabbit boxes, 1 boat registration application, 10 red drum, 100 lbs. Of crabs, 1,246 lbs. Of catfish, 649 lbs. Of tuna, 39 lbs. Of beeliner, 31 lbs. Of creola, 11 lbs. Of lane snapper, 91 sacks of oysters, 1 deer, 9 rabbits, 5 weapons, 2 outboard motors, 2 catfish graders.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:

38-Boating

5-Public Assistance

79-Sport Fishing

40-Commercial Fishing

33-Hunting

3-MGB

8-Other

SHRIMP ACTIVITY REPORT

REGION 8

COMPLAINTS

1. Shrimp activity for this month has been very low. Inside waters have been closed. No complaints of illegal shrimp activity.

Patrols

1. Due to hunting seasons, gill netting complaints, very poor weather conditions and lack of shrimpers, we put little effort into targeted shrimp patrols. On regular saltwater patrols very few shrimpers were seen.

Inquiries

1. We received very few inquiries for TED information, which were referred to the LSU Cooperative Extension Service Fisheries Agent Gerald Horst.
2. We received a few calls regarding mesh size, shrimp size, net and frames size, license requirements, and other legal questions.
3. The main questions received were regarding the closure date, what would remain open, where are outside waters, and the boundaries of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds, which remain open.

NO SHRIMP CASES WERE MADE THIS MONTH.

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REGION 9

TOTAL CASES-161

WMA&REFUGES-13

30-Boating

25-Angling/O A License

4-Angling W/O a License Non-Resident

2-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

11-Angling W/O A Saltwater License

3-Angling W/O A Saltwater License-Non-Resident

12-Failure to Have Saltwater Stamp

2-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

4-Take Undersize Red Drum

4-Possess Undersize Black Drum

1-Fail To Comply With Charter Boat Regs.

5-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License

5-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

2-Take Commercial FishW/OVessel License

2-Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealers License

2-Fail To Maintain Records

2-Illegal Shipping Of Commercial Fish

1-Use Illegal Mesh Nets

1-Blocking Passage OF Fish

1-Sell Commercial Hard Crabs

REGION 9 CONT'D.

2-Failure To Have Written Permission

2-Taking Oysters From Unapproved Area

2-Unlawful Taking of Oysters Off Of A Private Lease

1-Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License

2-Hunting W/O Resident License

1-Hunting From Moving Vehicle

2-Hunting With Unplugged Gun

2-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours With Artificial Light

1-Hunt From Levee Road

1-Possess Buckshot During Closed Deer Season

2-Hunt Deer Closed Season

2-Hunt Deer Illegal Hours

2-Hunt Deer From Public Road

2-Hunt Deer W/Illegal Weapon

1-Hunt Raccoon Illegally

2-Possess F.B.A. W/O License

1-Hunting Ducks W/O Federal Stamp

1-Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun

1-Hunting MGB With Illegal Firearm

3-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only

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REGION 9 CONT'D.

2-Hunting Ducks Closed Season

1-Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp

2-Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road

1-Illegal Possession Of Stolen Things

1-Take Undersize Federal Controlled Fish

1-Take Federal Controlled Fish In Closed Season

1-Violation Of Sanitation Code (Vessel Regulations)

CONFISCATIONS:

68 lbs. Of crabs, 3 nutria, 8 red drum, 1 rabbit, 2 ½ sacks of crawfish, 8 garfish, 43 sacks of oysters, 11 choupique, 10 black drum, 3 black bass, 70 yellow edge grouper sold for \$157.50, 62 hake sold for \$62.00, 53 tuna sold for \$27.00, 8 scaup, 10 coots donated, 30 feet of gill net, 3 rifles.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:

30-Boating

67-Sport Fishing

28-Commercial Fishing

20-Hunting

10-MGB

6-Other

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STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-20

10-Boating

6-Angling W/O A License

1-Transport W/O Required License

3-Possession Of Squirrels Closed Season

CONFISCATIONS:

2 squirrels.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE:

10-Boating

6-Sport Fishing

1-Commercial Fishing

3-Hunting

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S.W.E.P.

TOTAL CASES-54

WMA&REFUGES-25

RUNNING TIME-40 HOURS

BOATS CHECKED-224

4-Boating

2-Hunt With Unplugged Gun

5-Angling W/O Non-Resident License

5-Take Undersize Black Drum

4-Take Undersize Red Drum

2-Take Overlimit Of Black Drum

2-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

1-Allow Another To Use Commercial Fishing License

1-Allow Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Vessel

2-Not Abide By Commission Rules And Regs. Overlimit Of Red Snapper

3-Possession Of Crack Cocaine

3-Possession Of Marijuana

3-Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia

6-Take Oysters From unapproved Area

8-Angling W/O A Basic License

1-Angling W/O A Saltwater License

1-Take Federal Controlled Fish In Closed Season Controlled Fish Intact

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S.W.E.P. CONT'D.

CONFISCATIONS:

1,666 lbs. Of red snapper sold to P&L Seafood for \$4,450.70, 24 black drum donated, 13 red drum, donated, 15 red snapper donated.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR S.W.E.P.:

4-Boating

2-Hunting

14-Sport Fishing

25-Commercial Fishing

9-Other

OYSTER TASK FORCE

TOTAL CASES-65

2-Hunt Wild Game Quadrupeds Illegal Hours

2-Hunt Raccoon Illegally

1-Angling W/O Basic License

2-Use Lead Shot In Area Designated For Steel Only

1-Hunt MGB With Illegal Weapon

1-Possession Over Limit Of Ducks

1-No Federal Reef Permit

1-Possess Undersize Greater Amberjack

6-Take Red Snapper During Closed Season

1-Failure To Identify Shrimp Vessel

1-Failure To Retain Tags For 90 Days

2-Failure To Refrigerate Oysters In A Timely Manner

1-Buying/Selling Oysters Without A Wholesale/Retail Dealers License

5-Take Oysters Without Harvester License

3-Take Oysters Without A Commercial License

5-Take Oysters Without Commercial Gear License

4-Take Oysters Without Commercial Vessel License

8-Violation Of Sanitation Code

2-Failure To Have Written Permission To Take Oysters

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE CONT'D.

1-Failure To Maintain Records Of Sales

1-Failure To Maintain Purchase Records

1-Failure To Report Monthly Data On Oysters

1-Buy Oysters From Unlicensed Fisherman

1-Failure To Pay Severance Taxes

6-Sell Cases W/O Commercial License

5-Take Oysters From Unapproved Area

CONFISCATIONS:

163 sacks of oysters, 7 ducks, 5 coots, 70 lbs. Of grouper, 62 lbs. Of hake, 53 lbs. Of tuna, 18 lbs. Of cobia, 2,047 red snapper, 3 rabbits, 1 raccoon.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER TASK FORCE:

8-Hunting

1-Sport Fishing

56-Commercial Fishing

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SEAFOOD INVESTIGATION UNIT:

TOTAL CASES-48

4-Angling W/O A License

2-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

4-Take Commercial Fish W/O Gear License

5-Buy/Sell Fish W/O Wholesale License

6-Fail To Maintain Records

3-Transport Fish W/O Required License

7-Illegal Shipping Of Commercial Fish

4-Fail To Report Commercial Fish Data

1-Selling Undersize Crabs

1-Use Laser Sight On Firearm

6-Littering

4-Federal Fishery Violations

1-Violation Of Sanitation Code

CONFISCATIONS:

5,864 lbs. Of red snapper, sold for \$11,728.00, 121 beeliner sold for \$242.00, 16

triggerfish sold for \$18.00, 65 grouper sold for \$142.25, 30 greater amberjack sold for

\$65.00, 111 cobia sold for \$222.00, 15 lbs. Of redfish donated, 100 lbs. Of crabs returned to water, 76 sacks of oysters.

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TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SEAFOOD INVESTIGATION UNIT:

4-Sport Fishing

1-Hunting

6-Littering

37-Commercial Fishing

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TOTAL CASES-1071

WMA&REFUGES-117

ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT

FEBRUARY, 1997

185-Amph. - 61092
Hrs. - 46.3

185-Float - 70365
Hrs. - 28.5

210 - 9467Y
Hrs. - 43.4

Enforcement Hours - 96.3

Other Divisions - 21.9

Total Plane Use - 118.2

Cases Made in Conjunction with Aircraft Use Resulted in Citations
being issued for:

- 2 - Take Oysters From Unapproved Area
- 1 - No Oyster Dredge License
- 4 - Illegal Gill Nets
- 2 - Undersize Crabs
- 1 - No Commercial License
- 2 - Hunt With Unplugged Gun
- 12 - Total Cases

Confiscations: 1 Sack Oysters, 2 Rabbits, 2,400 Ft. of Gill Net

1997		July			1997	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 3-MAR-1997

CURRENT MONTH
02/01/1997 TO 02/29/1997FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
07/01/1996 TO 02/29/1997INCEPTION TO DATE
02/29/1997ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION

# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
47	\$18,470.87	264	\$380,706.50	3,318	\$2,223,938.39
2	\$50.00	46	\$1,150.00	115	\$2,875.00
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	331	\$269,865.45-
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	148	\$71,951.21

RESTITUTION ASSESSED

47	\$18,520.87	264	\$381,856.50	3,318	\$2,028,899.15
42	\$8,579.84-	213	\$37,937.32-	2,133	\$323,652.98-
38	\$5,552.63-	178	\$21,043.35-	1,429	\$160,640.62-
6	\$21.57	14	\$108.02	86	\$1,591.68
2	\$20.72	5	\$105.19	36	\$7,130.62
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$18,449.45-
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$10,601.49
0	\$0.00	1	\$515.60	17	\$75,953.27
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$36.75
DEBITS	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$35.00
CREDITS	\$0.85-	1	\$0.85-	13	\$10.22-
REASSESSMENTS					
DEBITS	\$0.00	3	\$632.64	18	\$6,532.69
CREDITS	\$0.00	8	\$20,667.74-	51	\$33,405.66-
WRITE-OFFS	\$0.00	3	\$576.47-	204	\$112,914.31-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	6	\$1,399.24-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	\$0.00	9	\$3,104.57-	21	\$22,867.51-
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$97.80-

** TOTAL OUTSTANDING

952 \$1,457,342.86

FOOTNOTE:

PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT
AMOUNT PAID TO COLLECTOR
FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS

1	\$20.00	6	\$120.00	52	\$10,960.67
0	\$5.00	0	\$30.00	0	\$2,740.16
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00 *

AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN	0	\$0.00	CAN NOT BE INVOICED	3	\$115.50
1 - 30 DAYS	0	\$0.00	1 - 30 DAYS	0	\$0.00
31 - 60 DAYS	0	\$0.00	31 - 60 DAYS	0	\$0.00
61 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00	61 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 120 DAYS	0	\$0.00	91 - 120 DAYS	0	\$0.00
121 - 150 DAYS	0	\$0.00	121 - 150 DAYS	0	\$0.00
151 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00	151 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00	181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	0	\$0.00	CASES SENT FOR COLLECTION	13	\$159,898.42
OVER TWO YEARS	0	\$0.00	OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER THREE YEARS	0	\$0.00	OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	0	\$0.00

** TOTAL AGING

448 \$362,541.97

** TOTAL AGING

952

\$160,013.92

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 3-MAR-1997

FINES
HEARING COSTS
DEBITS
CREDITS

TOTAL DUE

PAID IN FULL
PARTIAL PAYMENTS
OVERPAYMENTS
REFUNDS
RETURNED CHECKS
MISC CHANGES
DEBITS
CREDITS
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION
DEBITS
CREDITS
VOIDS
NOT GUILTY

TOTAL OUTSTANDING

CURRENT MONTH
02/01/1997 TO 02/29/1997

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
07/01/1996 TO 02/29/1997

INCEPTION TO DATE
02/29/1997

# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
344	\$17,400.00	4,233	\$214,080.00	51,068	\$2,598,597.07
182	\$4,550.00	1,115	\$27,940.00	11,772	\$294,447.00
16	\$425.00-	16	\$800.00-	16	\$2,250.00-
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\$21,525.00

\$241,220.00

\$2,890,794.07

211	\$11,427.80-	2,694	\$139,746.43-	26,658	\$1,362,704.54-
7	\$240.00-	115	\$4,933.07-	868	\$37,589.58-
22	\$575.00	97	\$2,666.31	487	\$17,364.73
0	\$0.00	14	\$416.31	72	\$3,944.31
1	\$50.00	6	\$325.00	41	\$2,150.00
1	\$20.00	6	\$115.00	41	\$685.00
2	\$1.70-	15	\$11.81-	142	\$136.14-
1	\$50.00	16	\$950.00	81	\$4,750.00
0	\$0.00	2	\$100.00-	10	\$450.00-
1	\$50.00	279	\$12,185.00-	2,444	\$100,837.73-
0	\$0.00	57	\$2,100.00-	520	\$25,725.00-
=====					

\$1,392,245.12

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES
FROM CITATION DATE

0 - 30 DAYS	3	\$150.00
31 - 60 DAYS	0	\$0.00
61 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 120 DAYS	0	\$0.00
121 - 150 DAYS	0	\$0.00
151 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
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OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	21,907	\$1,392,120.12

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PRE HEARING	1,174	\$59,665.00
0 - 90 DAYS	1,652	\$82,675.00
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271 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
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Monthly Commercial Harvest Of Spotted Seatrout in Louisiana

FISHING YEAR	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
96-97			105,344	293,710	313,539							
		(Enforcement Div. info) →	13,368	37,178	55,045							
95-96		814	16,874	160,825	224,298	145,721	2,485	99				
94-95	94,614	119,720	115,160	199,158	247,416	195,397	60,015	469				
		(Enforcement Div. info) →	55,277	285,989	154,317	(close 3/9)	49,544					
93-94	88,407	118,592	191,211	194,585			(close 3/6)	82,128				
					140,484		(close 4/16)	3,128				
92-93	59,338	109,169	135,400	191,337	209,715	121,882	94,215	176,625				
							(close 5/1)	170,636				
91-92	25,922	47,403	105,759	139,433	144,822	57,710	92,265	26,026				
							(close 5/6)	121,884				
90-91	42,663	54,724	64,693	158,523	243,771	83,986	59,778	121,674				
89-90	183,277	132,166	146,300	325,410	75,445	76,145	67,441	92,265				
							(close 4/9)	59,173				
88-89	61,227	123,541	141,184	302,241	316,866	178,001	146,669	196,722				
							(close 5/6)	64,373				
87-88	58,017	74,114	90,913	87,988	249,086	143,565	98,287	196,722				
							(close 5/6)	244,144				
86-87	78,603	158,250	157,276	233,756	204,314	110,792	126,569	245,782				
85-86	15,440	66,576	88,509	214,576	219,796	68,111	120,639	246,287				
CUMULATIVE HARVEST THROUGH MONTH												
96-97			105,344	399,054	712,593							
95-96	0	814	17,688	178,513	402,811	548,532	551,017	551,116				
94-95	94,614	214,334	329,494	583,929	831,345	1,026,742	1,086,757	1,087,226				
			(incl. Enforcement info)	592,795	878,764	1,033,101	1,082,645					
93-94	88,407	206,999	398,210				(1.0 m lb)					
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92-93	59,338	168,507	303,907	495,244	704,959	826,841	967,325	1,049,453				
							(1.0 m lb)					
91-92	25,922	73,325	179,084	318,517	463,339	521,049	615,264	791,889				
							(1.0 m lb)					
90-91	42,663	97,387	162,080	320,603	564,374	648,360	708,138	829,812				
							(1.25 m lb)					
89-90	183,277	315,443	461,743	787,153	862,598	938,743	1,006,184	1,098,449				
							(1.25 m lb)					
88-89	61,227	184,768	325,952	628,193	945,059	1,123,060	1,269,729	1,328,902				
							(1.25 m lb)					
87-88	58,017	132,131	223,044	311,032	560,118	703,683	801,970	998,692				
							(1.0 m lb)					
86-87	78,603	236,853	394,129	627,885	832,199	942,991	1,069,560	1,315,342				
							(1.0 m lb)					
85-86	15,440	82,016	170,525	385,101	604,897	673,008	793,647	1,039,934				

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MARCH COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULED

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The agenda follows.

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February 26, 1997

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TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
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WINTON VIDRINE

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C: Clyde Kimball
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Johnnie Tarver
John Roussel
Craig Lamendola
Don Puckett
John Medica
Division Chiefs

Teaming With Wildlife (TWW) - resolution seeking
congressional support for a federal funding initiative

Gary Lester

approved by Chairman Cebelin
2/26/97 - 8:55 AM

*okayed by Chairman
2/21/97 - 9:08AM*

C O V E R



FAX

S H E E T

To: Danny Babin

Fax #:

Subject: March Agenda

Date: February 21, 1997

Pages: 3, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

Please review the attached then call and let me know if it is okay or if changes need to be made.
Thank you.

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

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FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr. *[Signature]* Secretary

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Wildlife Division 2-7-97

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1- Notice of Intent, 97-98 Resident Game
Hunting Seasons - Hugh Bateman ~~_____~~

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Agenda item for meeting
from Inland Fish Div.

Resolution from Commission
requesting legislative support
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Cathy-

Agenda item =
"Recreational Bag
Limits - Perch"

Marine Fish -
Harry

2/17/97

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Enforcement Report
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Date: 2/17/97
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From: Thomas M. Gattle, Jr. (JR)

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*I HAVE NOTHING FOR
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